



CMSA Open Sunday Softball – COVID-19 Protocols

Failure by any player, coach, or umpire to follow these prescribed guidelines will result in that person being banned for the remainder of the 2020 season. A refund of player fees in this case will not be made.

This is without exception!

Any player, coach or umpire who has symptoms for COVID-19 will be required to maintain a period of 14 days symptom free before they can return to the field of play. If they choose, they will be refunded all fees paid at the time of the diagnosis in a prorated fashion for the remainder of the season if they choose to stop playing for the season at that time.

Players or Coaches who leave their positions to argue with umpires, come within six feet of an umpire or opposing player or coach for the purpose of argument or engage in altercations on the field are subject to immediate ejection and discipline, including suspensions or expulsion from the league

Face Coverings

All players, coaches and umpires are required to wear a face mask or other allowed face covering while on the field of play. Also, when off the field of play if unable to maintain proper 6' social distancing a face mask or other allowed face covering is required. Players can lower the face covering during dead ball periods to wipe sweat or similar actions, but the mask must be in place during live ball situations.

An acceptable face covering is any kind that covers the mouth and nose. This includes cloth masks, non-medical grade surgical masks and other types of face coverings. Acceptable, reusable face covering options for CMSA Open Sunday Softball include:

- Any medical grade face mask
- Homemade masks
- Bandana
- Neck gaiter
- Scarf
- Tightly woven fabric, such as cotton t-shirts and some types of towels

PLASTIC FACE SHIELDS ARE NOT AN ACCEPTABLE FACE COVERING PER THE CDC.

A cloth face covering is a material that covers the nose and mouth. It can be secured to the head with ties or straps or simply wrapped around the lower face. It can be made of a variety of materials, such as cotton, silk, or linen. A cloth face covering may be factory-made or sewn by hand or can be improvised from household items such as scarfs, T-shirts, sweatshirts, or towels.

It is strongly recommended that players bring a spare face covering in the event of a "Face Covering Malfunction".

If the game umpire observes any player - who in their judgement while on offense; running the bases or batting, removes their face mask, other than when it may be falling off, a dead ball will be called, the offending player will be called out, all other base runners will be returned to the base they originally occupied. The offending player is also subject to further disciplinary action.

If the game umpire observes any player – who in their judgement while on defense and making a play on the ball, batted or otherwise remove their face mask, other than when it may be falling off, a dead ball will be called, the batter-runner and runners on base will be awarded the base they are going to plus one additional base. The offending player is also subject to further disciplinary action.



Gloves

Players, including the pitcher, will be allowed to wear a batting glove or medical glove on their throwing hand while on defense.

Covid-19 Screening Procedure

All players, coaches and umpires must complete the Covid-19 Screening procedure upon arrival at fields on a given day. Once that is completed the player, coach or umpire must wear for the duration of that day, the wristband given to them that signifies they have completed the procedure.

Any player, coach or umpire found to not follow this requirement will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including ejection, suspension, or expulsion from the league.

Line-up Cards

Line-ups will only be exchanged between teams either verbally or by electronic means. No paper line up cards are to be exchanged.

Game Balls

Each team will be provided a game ball that is either new or has been properly disinfected. Each team will use that ball when they are on the field playing defense. The ball is required to be disinfected each inning using supplies provided by CMSA or other approved disinfecting agents.

Before any ball is placed into play due to a ball being hit out of play that ball will also be disinfected.

Sharing of bats & other equipment

Sharing of bats and other equipment is strongly discouraged. In the event a bat or other items is shared by multiple players that piece of equipment should be disinfected in an approved manner.

Dugouts

The dugouts on Margate 2, Clarendon 1, and Clarendon 2 are not to be used as they do not afford the required space to allow for proper 6' social distancing. The dugouts on Margate 3 can be used as they are larger in size.

No Touch Rule

Players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A "tip the cap" or similar acknowledgment can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.

No spitting or eating seeds, gum, other similar products.

Restrooms

The restrooms inside of the field house at Clarendon Park are NOT to be used. Portable restrooms will be placed at both Margate Park (South of Field 2) and at Clarendon Park (North of Field 2).