

Yakima Parks and Recreation
COVID Guidelines and Safety Measures
Adult Softball Leagues

EQUIPMENT:

- **Balls:** All teams are required to only use their own team's softballs when in the field. Once a half-inning is complete, fielding team will take their ball into the dugout and team going to play the field provides one of their team's softball.
 - Team manager will receive a supply of new balls prior to their first game. One new ball should be used per game.
- **Minimize shared equipment:** It is recommended that all players and umpires use their own equipment while participating. This includes gloves, bats etc.
- **Hand Sanitizer:** Teams should have hand sanitizer in the dugout and hand sanitizing is highly recommended before a player uses a bat and players are encouraged to use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the game.

GAMEPLAY:

- Incoming teams must wait until the field is clear and that the dugout is empty and all garbage is picked-up by the preceding team before entering.
- Teams are required to pick up all garbage and place in garbage cans of their respective sideline following games.
- Dugouts and Bleachers are for teams only in order to account for social distancing. Spectators or non-players will NOT be allowed in designated team areas.
- All staff players, umpires and spectators are encouraged to continue 6 feet social distancing on and off the field during the event.
- Catchers will set up a minimum of 6 feet behind the batter.
- Umpire will be stationed in front, behind or to the side of the catcher keeping the 6 feet distance from the catcher.
- Pre-game meeting – One coach per team will participate in the pregame meeting at home plate. All involved are requested to keep 6 feet social distancing during the meeting.
- Do not participate in post-game hand shake or high five.
- Please leave the playing field/dugout immediately following the completion of your game/doubleheader.
- No spitting or eating seeds, gum or other similar products by players, coaches, staff, umpires and spectators.

FANS/SPECTATORS:

- No sitting in the dugouts or bleachers. These areas are designated for players and coaches only.
- Fans should bring their own chairs or stand 6 feet apart practicing social distancing.
- No spitting or eating seeds, gum or other similar products by players, coaches, staff, umpires and spectators.

FACILITY:

- High touch/traffic areas will be regularly disinfected by staff before and after games.
- Restrooms will be available and will be cleaned and disinfected frequently and regularly.
- Masks: Are recommended for all coaches, players who are not playing, referees and spectators who are not fully vaccinated.
- Facility capacity is 600 maximum, which translates into 150 maximum capacity per field including all players, spectators and staff. Staff will be responsible for monitoring number of individuals that enter the complex.
- **THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN FOLLOWING THESE GUIDELINES. BY DOING SO, THIS WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE OFFERING THIS PROGRAM TO OUR COMMUNITY.**