

City of Lexington, Parks & Recreation Department
SUMMER 2020 COVID-19 BASEBALL/SOFTBALL PLAN

The City of Lexington anticipates opening the City of Lexington Optimist Recreation Complex for organized youth baseball and softball leagues and programs based on the guidelines set forth by Governor Pete Ricketts.

PRACTICES **Teams will be allowed to practice starting June 1st by adhering to the guidelines below:**

- Dugout use will not be allowed
- Players' items should be lined up against the fence at least six (6) feet apart
- Parents must remain in their cars during practice and during drop-off and pick-up
- Players should use their own gloves, helmets, and bats as much as possible
- Coaches/Program Directors must sanitize any shared equipment before and after each practice
- Catcher gear should not be shared between players unless it has been fully sanitized after each use
- Coaches/Program Directors are responsible for ensuring social distancing is maintained between players
- Coaches shall also maintain additional spacing between players while playing catch, changing drills and absolutely no congregating of players while waiting to bat
- Players must bring their own water/beverage to consume before, during, and after practice
- No shared drinking fountains or coolers
- Players must bring their own snacks to consume before, during, and after practice
- No shared/communal snacks
- Only one team shall practice at a time on a field

GAMES **Teams will be allowed to hold games starting June 18th by adhering to the guidelines below:**

- Same guidelines apply as above for baseball and softball practices
- Use of dugouts is prohibited for players during games; dugouts will be reserved only for coaches six (6) feet apart
- Players should have designated spots (i.e. bleachers or along the fence) to place their personal items (six (6) feet apart)
- Coaches/Program Directors must designate an adult who is responsible for ensuring players are seated in their chairs unless they are actively participating in the game
- Players should use their own gloves, helmets, and bats as much as possible
- Youth Sports Fans: Fan attendance is limited to household members of the players on the team (household members must live in the house with them)
- Adult Sports Fans: Fan attendance is limited to household members of the players on the team (household members must live in the house with them); **children under the age of 16 years old must be accompanied by a non-participating adult to enforce social distancing guidelines**
 - If possible, fan attendance is discouraged for adult sports

- No use of bleachers for fans
- Fans must bring their own chairs or stand
- Fans shall keep six (6) feet of social distancing between different household units
- No fan seated/standing is allowed from dugout to dugout and within six (6) feet of any player; fans may have designated seating past the dugout area and in the outfield behind the fence
- Teams playing the next game must be provided designated areas for player warm-ups that are conducive to social distancing guidelines
- Post-game handshakes or interaction between teams is prohibited
- At the conclusion of each game, each team must sanitize their respective areas where there are high-touch surfaces (i.e. dugouts, bleachers, etc.)
- No post-game talks at the field are permitted
- Fans and players must leave the playing area and return to their cars immediately after the game
- The team to play next must remain in their designated warm up area until the prior team has finished sanitizing and has completely left the field and surrounding areas
- Fans for upcoming games must remain in their cars during player warmups. They will be permitted to come to the field once each team is set for the first pitch of the game
- Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized regularly while players and fans are present
- Markings should be placed on the ground to ensure individuals waiting to use the restroom are spaced six (6) feet apart; **masks must be worn inside restrooms**
- Players must bring their own water/beverage to consume before, during, and after practices and games
- No shared drinking fountains or coolers
- Players must bring their own snacks to consume before, during, and after practice and games
- No shared/communal snacks
- Coaches must sanitize shared equipment before and after each practice and game
- Concessions stands are not allowed to be open
- A maximum of two fields will be utilized at each scheduled time to avoid large groups
- No tournaments will be held at this

All rules and regulations will be enforced by staff/volunteers of each organization utilizing the facility; the City of Lexington will supervise the facility to ensure each program is following these rules and regulations. The guidelines are subject to change as new guidance is received.

Any participant utilizing the facility must sign the "COVID-19: PUBLIC FACILITY USER AGREEMENT." This must be signed by any patron 18 years of age or older, and a parent or legal guardian must sign for any patron 17 years old or younger.

Coaches, participants and fans found to be in violation of the rules and regulations listed above will be given first a verbal warning, second a written warning, and a third violation shall mean that the individual/program will be prohibited from utilizing the facility.

COVID-19: PUBLIC FACILITY USER AGREEMENT

(Please print clearly or type and fill in all blanks and sign below.)

Participant Name (Player, Coach, Official, or Other Participant): _____

Address: _____

Municipality: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____

Age of Participant _____

If Participant is 18 years of age or older, only Participant must sign. If Participant is 17 years Old or Younger, Parent or Legal Guardian must sign.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

The COVID-19 coronavirus has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization, is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to-person contact. By signing this, you ACKNOWLEDGE AND ASSUME THE RISK AND DANGERS OF ILLNESS, DISEASE, MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS, INJURY OR DEATH, caused by or related to COVID-19, by voluntarily entering the property of any Municipality and utilizing Municipal facilities either as a participant or guest. No one guarantees that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. The person signing below voluntarily assumes this risk because s/he chooses or elects to do so.

COVID-19 RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE

In consideration of the above-listed person ("User") being allowed to utilize municipal facilities, the User or the parent(s) or legal guardian (if User is a Minor), on his or her own behalf and on behalf of any Minor User, agree as follows:

1. RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the City of Lexington (hereinafter, **Municipality**), together with each such **Municipality's** mayor and council, manager/administrator, clerk, agents and employees, (all of whom are collectively referred to herein as "Releasees") from any and all liability to the User (or User's personal representatives, assigns, heirs, parents, legal guardians, siblings, children or dependents) on account of injury, illness, disease, quarantine or death from the COVID-19 coronavirus and any complication or related disease or condition, occurring as a result of entering the property of any such **Municipality** and utilizing said property either as a guest or participant whether such injury, sickness, disease, condition, or death is caused by the negligence or other wrongful conduct of one or more of the Releasees or whether liability for such injury, sickness, disease, condition, or death is assigned to one or more of the Releasees as a matter of strict liability or any other legal doctrine.

2. AGREE TO INDEMNIFY AND SAVE AND HOLD HARMLESS THE RELEASEES and each of them from any liability, damage or loss (including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees and other defense costs) one or more of them may suffer or incur arising out of or related to the undersigned's entry onto the property of any such **Municipality** in connection with its use as a guest or participant, whether such claim is based on one or more of the Releasees' negligence, breach of contract or warranty, strict liability or other legal theory. The undersigned COVENANTS not to sue any Releasee related to injury, disease, loss, quarantine, or illness related to COVID-19.

3. THE PERSON SIGNING BELOW AGREE(S) to comply with all federal, state and local laws and regulations, all directed health measures and guidelines, and all security policies or procedures established by any such **Municipality** relating to COVID-19 or other safety or hygiene precautions, understanding that the **Municipality** may elect to deny entrance to the property (including any facilities present thereon) and the User may not be allowed to enter a facility or utilize or continue to utilize **Municipality** facilities at any time. The undersigned agree(s) that in the event any portion of this document is held to be invalid, the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect to the greatest extent possible under applicable law. The parents or guardian of the User agree that by signing below they are in addition to binding themselves and binding any minor User on whose behalf they have signed, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law to this Agreement in full.

I AM THE AGE OF MAJORITY, AM COMPETENT AND HAVE FULL AUTHORITY TO SIGN THIS, HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS. I SIGN KNOWING ITS EFFECTS.

Signature of User
(If 18 Years Old or Older)

Print Clearly or Type Name of User

Signature of Parent
(If Participant is 17 Years Old or Younger)

Print Clearly or Type Name of Parent

Signature of Legal Guardian (If Applicable)

Print Clearly or Type Name of Legal Guardian