



Beavercreek PARKS

Recreation & Culture

Summer Softball 2020 Updates

Dear Softball Managers,

We are happy to report that the summer softball season will be happening! We have set a TENTATIVE start date for **June 15**. A manager's meeting has been scheduled for **June 4** and it will be held virtually. This meeting is mandatory, so please make sure to plan accordingly in order to be there. There will be many different societal rules and regulation changes implemented as we begin this season compared to the past. However, our main goal is to focus on what we can do in a safe manner that still brings fun to all.

Based on the State of Ohio's Sector Specific Operating Requirements for Baseball and Softball, we have outlined what our rule changes will look like. If and when state and local health department recommendations are adjusted, we will look to do likewise. Foundational to all that we do: everyone should conduct daily self-evaluations for symptoms. If you find yourself experiencing a symptom, please stay at home and work with local health departments to initiate appropriate care. It is the manager's job to ensure that their athletes are following all health and safety prevention measures established by the state in regards to COVID-19.

Distancing

It is strongly recommended that all people visiting Rotary Park follow state and local recommended social distancing guidelines, which includes being distanced from each other by at least six feet. Team members, managers, coaches, and scorekeepers will engage in no touching (handshakes, high fives, etc.) in the area of the diamonds. We recommend a "tip of the cap" or thumbs-up to players and umpires to replace the handshake lines that usually follow after games. As always, spectators are not allowed on the field of play nor the team bench areas at any time. We recommend teams and spectators minimize congregating in common areas and the parking lot before or after a game or practice.

Face Masks

Face masks are permitted to be worn by players, coaches, managers, and scorekeepers. **Players** are encouraged to wear face masks any time they are not playing on the field, which includes while in the dugout. **Umpires** also are encouraged to wear face masks when in the vicinity of the diamonds. **Spectators** are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in the vicinity of the diamonds.

Hand Washing and Sanitizing

Hand washing/sanitizing is one of the most important protocols recommended by health officials. Wash/sanitize your hands before and after games and practices. It is strongly encouraged that players, coaches, umpires, and spectators bring hand sanitizing products with them to the park to sanitize as needed.

Equipment

The City of Beavercreek will be distributing game balls to each team for use before each game. A new game ball will be placed on each team's bench before the start of a game. Teams will also receive used game balls that will be sanitized before each game. Balls must be returned after each game to the designated area. The City of Beavercreek recommends minimizing the sharing of any equipment whenever possible. We also recognize that teams may have a need to share equipment, such as bats. In these cases, while we won't be looking to penalize players, we ask that such equipment be sanitized by the teams between uses.

Umpires

Umpires should be making calls with adequate distance between themselves and the catchers for each team. Umpires should avoid exchanging any documents or equipment with anyone, which includes lineup cards/lists and scoresheets. At the end of each game, umpires should verbally confirm the final score with managers/scorekeepers to avoid exchanging the scoresheets. *No scoresheet signatures are required.*

Food/Drink

Please do not share your water or drinks with anyone. This includes water coolers and drinking stations. We strongly recommend that there be no spitting nor eating in or around the fields. This includes seeds, gum, chewing tobacco, or other similar products.

Team Courtesies

Each team is responsible for picking up and/or sanitizing their own dugouts and benches at the beginning and end of each game. Teams are encouraged to bring their own sanitizing supplies. Teams should exchange their lineups verbally.

If you have any questions about these guidelines, please feel free to contact us parks@beavercreekohio.gov.

Sincerely,
The Beavercreek Parks, Recreation & Culture Staff