

Return to Play Guidelines

Location	Veterans Memorial Park 10250 East 62nd Street Indianapolis, Indiana 46236	
Organization	Oaklandon Youth Organization (OYO)	
Program	Fall Ball 2020 Baseball and Softball for ages 4-16	
Goal	Provide a safe and responsible environment to resume competitive baseball and softball practices and games for all players and their families while having fun and creating positive memories.	
Prepared By	OYO Board of Directors	
Last Updated	September 1, 2020	
Summary		
Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General • COVID-19 Test Procedures • Social Distancing • Sanitizing • Usage of Dugouts and Bleachers • Attendance and Seating Protocols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches' Safety Guidelines • Player Contact • Spectators Fans • Board of Directors Advisors on Duty • Concession Stand
Details		
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current State and Local guidelines must be followed • Please follow CDC recommendations for temperature. Parents are to take temperatures at home prior to entering the area of play • If the appearance of a fever or other unusual medical symptom arises, the individual must leave the facility immediately • Where face masks/coverings are cited below, they should be worn as recommended unless individual has a medical condition that poses a risk when wearing masks/coverings 	
COVID-19 Test Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an individual – including, but not limited to, a coach, player, family member, concession worker, board member or umpire – completes a test because of COVID-19 symptoms, he/she must remain away from the team and Veterans Memorial Park until test results are received • If the test results are negative, the individual may return to the team once temperature returns to normal and related medical symptoms subside • If he/she test results are positive, the individual must receive medical treatment and remain away from the team and Veterans Memorial Park for 10 days, per current CDC requirements 	
Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social distancing of 6 feet while off the field of play must be maintained • Once your games are over please head to your vehicles • Prior to your game, stay clear of the field until the previous team has left the field area • During pre-game only one coach at the plate from each team, along with the plate umpire with all using social distancing the best they can 	
Sanitizing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players and coaches should bring their own hand sanitizer to the games • No community water will be allowed as faucets turned off • If players are to have drinks, they must have lids on them with names marked • No sharing of food and drinks allowed outside one's family 	



<p>Usage of Dugouts and Bleachers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bleachers are to be utilized as an extended dugout to allow for player social distancing Limit number of players allowed in dugouts to help follow the social distancing guidelines We recommend all equipment bags be hung outside dugouts Players are not to touch each other's equipment at any time Use disinfectant supplies at equipment handout to wipe down catchers' mask in between usage – and relaxed rules will allow players to wear own helmet with mask when catching Catchers equipment must be sanitized after each player's use before another player can use it Helmets and bats may not be shared, and every player is expected to have their own bat and helmet during the season Recommend coaches pick up bats after each player's at bat (and the umpire, opposing catcher and any run-scoring teammate are encouraged <u>not</u> to pick-up a player's bat)
<p>Attendance and Seating Protocols on Game Days</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requesting Immediate Families Only on Game Days To be in compliance with the maximum allowance of individuals at each field, we are asking for all Fall Ball families to limit the number of fans at OYO on game days to immediate family members only No Fan Seating Behind Backstops One of the significant changes due to social distance requirements is no one will be allowed to sit or gather behind the home plate areas at any of our 13 fields Fans Designated Seating Areas Will Be Clearly Marked All fans will need to spread out in one of our pre-marked, designated seating areas along the foul lines and around the outfield fences past the dugouts. We all hope for the time when fans are allowed to return closer to the field of play, but for the foreseeable future these areas will be closed to spectators. These markers will be displayed on fences to help ensure we create six-foot social distancing from each family. Only one family may sit in a designated seating area and space may not be shared between families Seating Rules Violations and Game Play If a fan is in violation of the seating rules, an Advisor on Duty (AOD) will ask the fan to move to another location. The AOD will stay until they comply. If the fan does not comply, the AOD will immediately suspend the game until the fan is in compliance. During the suspension, the field is cleared as the players must join their parents and there shall be no players or coaches in the dugouts or on the fields. If the fan then chooses not to comply within five minutes, the game is called. If the fan does comply, play resumes but no additional time will be added to the game. When Away from Your Designated Seating Area, Wear Your Mask! If you are moving around the park, including walking from/to the parking lot, visiting the concession stand, using the restroom, talking with others, then masks need to be worn by fans, coaches, players, umpires, concession workers, volunteer board members, etc.
<p>Player Contact</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Players shall not participate in any hand shaking, hugging or high fiving Players shall line up on the foul lines and cheer "Good Game, (Team Name)!" following the game starting with team on 3B line followed by team on 1B line Coaches must not be in contact with any players There will be no huddles allowed before, during or after games that do not follow the social distancing guidelines
<p>Coaches' Safety Guidelines</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coaches may wear masks during practices, but not required, due to the likely strenuous activity associated with running practices Coaches must wear masks on game days when they are not able to maintain six feet social distancing from players on either team, fans or the umpire Coaches should not enter the dugouts to provide a safer environment for players



Spectators Fans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks/face coverings must be worn when not able to maintain six-foot social distancing • Parents should not use the bleachers on game days but may sit wherever they are comfortable so long as they are at least six feet from the bleaches and dugouts • Parents/fans must provide their own chairs • All spectators must use social distancing guidelines, but if you are a family that live in the same household, you may sit together • All playground equipment will remain available as long as the City of Lawrence Parks Department makes them available but individuals using the equipment should use hand sanitizer when departing playground area
Board of Directors Advisors on Duty (AODs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear masks/face coverings at all times during shifts • Only occupants of golf carts and equipment • Wipe down keys, arm rests and steering wheel after each use • Communicate Safe to Play reminders before each weekend slate of games on each game day • Remind families about policies cited here as necessary
Concession Stand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All managers and workers will wear face masks and gloves at all times when cooking food and serving customers • Plexiglass partitions will be installed at all concession stand windows to serve as a barrier between staff and employees • Markers will be applied to the ground to indicate six-foot distance between customers • All free-standing condiment stations will be discontinued in favor of distributing pre-packaged condiments (ketchup, mustard, relish, mayo, etc.) upon request • Restrooms will be sanitized during each slate of ball games • For teams wishing to provide treats for their players following game(s), a pre-order treat process will be enacted and communicated to teams weekly

