

COVID-19 Protocols

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Prepared For	OYO Coaches, Players and Families
Mask Requirement	
OYO Policy	<p>At this time, the OYO Board of Directors has reviewed all the information available about masks. Our program is different from a school environment as all our activity takes place outdoors. Similarly, in the midst of the game aside from when huddling as a team briefly or being in the dugout, players are spaced out at significant distances.</p> <p>At this time, masks are <u>optional</u> for all coaches, players and families. This is also applicable to all umpires and concession stand workers as well as concession stand patrons.</p>
OYO Perspective	<p>We firmly believe our parents know what is best for the health of their children. We also believe our adult volunteers know what is best for them and the youth they are coaching this season. So, with all the information available, we believe you – as both volunteers and parents – are well informed about when it is necessary to don masks for yourself and/or your children. We truly support any decision you make, and we ask each and every family at OYO to show grace and mercy to one another during these challenging and stressful times as we work to keep everyone at OYO safe. We will continue to monitor recommendations from our local government and health department leaders. If any new guidelines or restrictions are established, we will update this policy accordingly.</p>
Exhibiting COVID-19 Symptoms	
Player or Coach	<p>If a coach or player who is actively involved with the team’s activities shows any COVID-19 symptoms – including fever greater than 100.4 degrees, fever/chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle/body aches, headache, sore throat, etc. – then they should remain home for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>If the symptoms subside, the coach or player can return to the team at their next scheduled activity. If the symptoms persist, then the individual is encouraged to be tested for COVID-19, even if they are vaccinated.</p> <p>If the test results are negative, the coach or player can return to the team once the symptoms subside. No communication is needed to OYO or the team.</p> <p>If the test shows a positive case of COVID-19, then the following steps should be followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent of player or the coach should notify head coach of positive case • The head coach will notify the team of a positive case on the team – without divulging the name of the player or coach • The infected coach or player should remain away from team for 10 days • After 10 days – and no remaining symptoms are exhibited – the coach or player may return to the team • The head coach will notify Brittany Anderson, president of the OYO Board of Directors <p>Also, if a player is quarantined because of close contact at school or a coach is quarantined because of close contact at their place of employment, then the player or coach should remain away from the team until the designated quarantine period ends.</p>



Team Roster Impact

Practices	No roster exceptions or modifications are necessary for practices. Coaches and teams should continue to convene for practices as scheduled with all healthy players and coaches.
Regular Season Games	If a team's roster has less than nine players for baseball or ten players for softball, then the team may seek a temporary substitute to join the team to ensure the roster has nine or ten players, respectively. When recruiting a player, the team should be transparent they are recruiting the player to replace player(s) who are ill with COVID-19 symptoms without divulging the identity of the player. The substitute players who agree to participate must be current OYO Fall Ball players who are registered for the same division or the division immediately below and not foregoing participation in their respective team's game(s). And, the player must bat last in the line-up and must play in the outfield for the entire game. This information does not need to be reported to the OYO Board of Directors, but we do have high expectations coaches will be truly accountable and follow these procedures.
Tournament Games	<p>If a team's roster has less than nine players for baseball or ten players for softball, then the team may seek a temporary substitute to join the team to ensure the roster has nine or ten players, respectively. This request must be approved by the OYO vice president overseeing your sport (baseball or softball) and the division commissioner.</p> <p>When recruiting a player, the team should be transparent they are recruiting the player to replace player(s) who is ill with COVID-19 symptoms without divulging the identity of the player. The substitute players who agree to participate must be current OYO Fall Ball players in the division immediately below – and not foregoing participation in their respective team's game(s). (Players in the same division are not permitted to fill this open roster spot during the tournament.) And, the player must bat last in the line-up and must play in the outfield for the entire game.</p>

