

SSSL COVID-19 Game Related Rules & Guidelines

Follow all Government Health Regulations and Mandates

- This includes Provincial, City and Municipal restrictions – all Laws and Bylaw's must be adhered to at all times.

**** Highly Recommended: That SSSL Players / Members be Covid-19 Vaccinated. *VACCINATION NOT MANDATORY TO PLAY***

Personal Protection

- Do not come to the game if you are ill, show any symptoms or have been around someone who is ill
- The use of mask or face shield is recommended
- The use of personal fitted batting gloves at all times is recommended
- The use of individual antibacterial hand sanitizer is recommended
- The use of individual bats is recommended
- It is recommended that each team use their own set of balls, minimizing the number of people who touch the ball by half.
- Balls should be wiped before each inning
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or into your elbow when coughing or sneezing
- Do not spit
- Wash your hands often

Arrival/Departure at the Fields

- Arrive 15 minutes maximum before scheduled game time
- Leave facilities immediately upon game completion
- There will be absolutely no congregating at parks, facilities or parking areas before or after your game.

Social Distancing During the Game

- There will be a no contact, “no handshakes or high fiving”
- No warm up of any kind before games.
- Ground rules shall be provided to team representative before the game
- During batting, players will need to line up along the fence outside of the diamond spread out accordingly
- The dug out will only be used by the on deck batter, or participants can distance accordingly to space available
- Coaches will stand 2 meters away from 1st and 3rd base at all times, however, it is recommended that there be no base coaches
- The catcher will stand 2 meters behind the strike mat
- Where multiple diamonds are being utilized it is recommended that staggered scheduling be implemented to minimize over crowding
- A dedicated area will represent where the next scheduled team is to meet, until such time when they have been cleared to approach the diamond by the umpire or when it is apparent that the previous team occupants have vacated the facility
- Immediately upon the completion of the game, all members will leave the diamond area
- Spectators must sit socially distanced from team members and other spectators
- It is recommended that spectators be kept to a minimum
- It is recommended that children should not be left unattended while playing
- In the case that there is a restricted number of participants allowed at the facility, a no spectator rule may have to be utilized
- No coaching conferences or group huddles
- All garbage must be collected and removed by each team after the game

Umpires

- It is recommended that umpires wear a mask or face shield
- Umpires will provide further detailed ground rules on an as needed basis observing the necessary distancing before the game begins
- There will be no exchange of lineup cards, teams will keep score with their own scorekeeping books
- It is suggested that the umpire utilize a small notepad for necessary game management
- Umpires will stand where they are comfortable calling the game, and at least 2 meters away from the catcher and batter.
- Umpire conferences are to be kept to a minimum adhering to distancing requirements

Teams and or players who do not adhere to the suggestions put forth by league and event organizers risk being refused to participate.

These measures are being considered and adopted by volunteers who are trying to organize a sport this season that will allow participants to enjoy the game. It is imperative that all participants conduct themselves in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner. Failure to accept the necessary measures put forward by league or event organizers shall not be tolerated.

Thank you for your patience during these challenging times.