

Health Safety Guidelines

We are excited to welcome you back to the Jackie Robinson Training Complex! While we welcome the opportunity to host this event in 2021, we do so with a heavy focus of the health and safety of your youth participants, coaches, tournament staff and volunteers, and spectators.

Each of us play a role in ensuring that we provide the safest possible tournament environment for all. As such, we request that every individual participating or attending this event review the below health and safety guidelines prior to their arrival at the competition site. We appreciate your participation and commitment to safety for all involved.

Registration and Health Assessment

Digital Registration Requirement:

- All participants will be required to register on League Apps. Registration can be found on League Apps or our website.
- Digital registration through League Apps is required for this event. No in-person, on-site, or paper registration will be permitted.
- Participant registration must be completed before the event starts.

Health & Safety Assessment:

- Prior to arrival, all attending the event (players, coaches, umpires, game administrators, spectators) should ensure they do not have a fever of 100.4°F or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. For an example of a pre-activity symptom assessment, please see Appendix A.
- Any individual who has a temperature of 100.4°F or exhibits any COVID-19 symptom should not attend the event or travel to the competition site.
- If there has been a report of a positive case of COVID-19 from within your team/organization (i.e., player, staff member, family member, school contacts), ensure all appropriate individuals are notified of their potential exposure and consider the need for quarantine or additional medical attention.

Check-in and Departure

Check-in:

- Teams will receive a set arrival time for each contest.
 - Arrival times are staggered to reduce the density of individuals at each site.
 - All players and on-field staff should arrive forty-five minutes prior to their scheduled game time.
 - Teams are permitted to travel together via bus/van, or can arrive separately via car, but all team members must be present by the set arrival time.

Departure:

- At the conclusion of each contest, teams should exit the facility as soon as possible. Team meetings and gatherings within the facility are discouraged.
- Parents/guardians and spectators will not be permitted to enter the field space, so should meet their child upon the team's exit.

Event Safety Steps

Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”) Requirements:

Face masks or face coverings are required for all attending the event. Please see below for more information on specific requirements for each group of individuals:

Event Operators:

- Face masks or face coverings are required for all Jackie Robinson Training Complex staff, event staff, and volunteers at all times.

Event Participants (players, coaches, and administrators):

- Face masks or face coverings are required for event participants during all non-game situations (including pre-game) and in areas where social distancing is not possible.
- Players are not required to wear a face mask or face covering on the field, but may do so if they prefer or if it is requested by a medical professional or parent.

Umpires and Sports Medicine Staff:

- Face masks or face coverings are required for umpires and sports medicine staff during all non-game situations and in areas where social distancing is not possible.
- Umpires are encouraged to wear a face mask or face covering while umpiring, particularly if unable to maintain a safe physical distance from the players.
- Enhanced levels of PPE may be required of medical service roles.

Spectators:

- Face masks or face coverings are required for all spectators at all times during the event.
- Areas available for folding chairs/spectator-brought seating will be along the baseline and in the outfield.
- More information on spectator attendance can be found in the “Spectator Attendance” section below.

Batting Cages:

- Usage of the batting cages will be permitted during designated group timeframes only. Guests are prohibited from utilizing the batting cages unless as part of a scheduled group timeframe. Guests are strongly prohibited from congregating in and around the batting cages.

Playing Equipment:

- Parents/guardians should ensure player personal equipment has been disinfected prior to arriving for team activity.
- If possible, equipment (glove, bat, batter’s helmet, batting gloves, catcher’s equipment) not be shared between participants.
- Game balls will be provided to each team prior to each game. Teams must only use the game balls provided to their team and may not be shared between teams. The umpire will switch out each team’s game balls every half inning to avoid cross contamination between teams.

Dugout Safety:

- Safety posters will be available in each dugout to remind players and staff of safety best practices.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available in all dugouts. Players and coaches should sanitize their hands throughout games (e.g., every time a player returns to the dugout) and after the handling of equipment or personal effects, like mouthguards.
- If physical distancing is not possible in the dugout, participants are encouraged to wear face masks or face coverings while in the dugout.
- Food and Drink:
 - Communal water and sport drink coolers/jugs are prohibited. All players and coaches must utilize individualized water bottles instead.
 - Shared food/snacks are prohibited.
 - Sunflower seeds, bubble gum, and spitting are prohibited in the dugout and on the playing surface.

Game Operation:

- Players, on-field personnel, and umpires should practice physical distancing to the extent possible, with the limitations of competition and the fundamentals of baseball.
- Pre-game activities (i.e., plate meeting, National Anthem) will be conducted while maintaining 6 feet of social distancing between participants. Infield/outfield warmups will not be conducted.
- Score keepers will be placed in a contained area. Only interaction that occurs outside of 6 feet of the score keepers' box will be permitted.
- Guests will be permitted to operate the JRTC's scoreboards but shall be required to disinfect the scoreboard controller prior to and after each use. The JRTC shall provide disinfectant wipes at each scorer's table and shall attempt to clean/disinfect each scorer's table after each game.
- Players from opposite teams should not socialize, fraternize, or come within six feet of each other before and after games, or in-between innings.
- Players and on-field personnel should make all efforts to avoid touching their face with their hands (including to give signs), wiping away sweat with their hand, licking their fingers, whistling with their fingers, etc.
- Avoid physical interactions (i.e., high-fives, fist bumps, hugs, handshakes) with teammates and personnel.
- Spitting to "rub" game balls is not permitted.

Spectator Attendance:

- Each participant is encouraged to bring no more than 2 guests. Spectators may not enter into player holding areas or field space and may only view the game from designated spectator sections.
- Spectator(s) must exit immediately following the completion of the game(s).
- Bleachers will be open with masks to be worn **at all times**; spectators are encouraged to bring their own seating.
- Face masks or face coverings are required for all spectators at the event.
- Spectators with no familial relation or outside of the same household should maintain 6 feet of social distancing.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in high-traffic areas.
- Spectators are requested to follow all safety signage regarding social distancing and public safety.
- Violations of safety protocols by parents/guardians or spectators may result in team/leagues forfeiture of game(s) and potential removal from the event.

Concessions Stands Operations:

- The Jackie Robinson Training Complex will offer a limited concessions operation and menu, consisting of canned/bottled beverages and pre-packaged items.
- Hot food will be available for purchase at concessions located by fields Determination and Teamwork.
- Guests will be required to wear a mask or face covering when at concessions stands.
- Social distancing markers will be located on the ground at all concessions locations where lines form.

Appendix A

In the past 72 hours, have you experienced any of the following symptoms?

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cough
- Fever of 100.4 or above
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Muscle pain
- Nasal congestion
- Runny nose
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue

Have you had a fever at or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit or taken any fever-reducing medications (e.g. Tylenol or Advil) within in the last 72 hours?

Do you have reason to believe that you, or anyone with whom you've had close contact, may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days?