



Safety Guidelines – Summer Baseball Classic

The following are updated safety rules are a combination of guidelines from the State of Idaho, CHD as well as common sense rules to keep our kids, parents and umpires safe. These rules can be amended as state and local guidelines are updated. That stated, the accountability is ultimately on Teams/Individuals to practice common sense, safe social distancing and maintain the best efforts to comply with rules at all times.

1. First and foremost, maintain a minimum of 6ft social distancing when conducting team activities, using restrooms, or walking through Duck Alley and Hunters Creek (our venues/complexes for ball play.)
 - a. If Coaches/Parents/Spectators are not distanced they should wear a mask. If coaches feel it prudent to have players wear masks while in the dugouts that is up to the Coaches/Parents ([see CHD guidelines listed below](#)) this is up to the individuals/guardians/coaches.
2. Use sanitizer, disinfectant wipes etc. Coaches and players should be using these frequently. [Spray sanitizer will be provided in each Dugout at both Duck Alley and Hunters Creek.](#)
3. Players should be limiting their use of shared equipment ...outside of baseballs at this juncture in our Summer baseball players should have their own gear: (helmets, batting gloves, bats, gloves.)
4. Parents/Spectators are not to congregate in groups or set up their spectating near dugouts ([see map/outlines for the recommended viewing areas for all games](#))
5. Teams must clean and wipe down their dugout after each game/use. Teams should enter/exit dugouts from 1 end to the other during game play (eliminate bottlenecks and 2-way traffic as much as possible during games.). Coaches please communicate this to your teams.
6. As with any and all Tournaments here in the Treasure Valley there should be and will be NO team handshakes, fist bumps and huddles. After each game we will acknowledge the respect of out the game, our opponents and our officials by lining up on the foul lines and tipping our caps.

7. Duck Alley will sell bottled/package foods, our primary fundraiser to make this tournament possible is the sale of food and t-shirts. Regrettably we will not be able to serve hot foods (burgers, nachos, hot dogs ...etc. Putting the pressure of safe food handling on our Volunteers is much more manageable by simply selling and handling pre-packaged foods ...and we will have lots of snacks and ice-cold drinks available! (all Snack Shack Volunteers will have hand sanitizer, wipes, gloves and will be frequently wiping down all surfaces.). Duck Alley will also have a sno-cone food truck parked on premise that will not only provide the sno-cones but will also encourage social distancing as it will be placed apart from the Snack Shack.
8. Before and after each game teams will be expected to expeditiously enter/depart the complex they are playing at. As much as we would love to encourage people to stay around and enjoy the day the expectation is that you drop off your player and pick up your player. If you are to watch the games your player/child is participating in (this is fully expected) then we expect **you** to view the games from your spectator viewing areas and **limit your interaction to 6ft of safe, social distancing with other spectators, if not you should have a mask and wear it.**
9. As previously mentioned, please review the attached Maps of each field/complex – these will provide the parking/spectator and foot traffic guidance for these games.
10. This is a trying time for us all, but we are happy and confident in our ability to provide safe and fun filled (significantly scaled down) event for the local baseball teams. That said, zero tolerance is expected and enforced for any unsafe, belligerent behavior. We know the game is inherently competitive, but if a spectator/coach/player is not adhering to the rules of play or these safety guidelines you will be asked to depart the premises. Duck Alley is private property, we are well within our rights to demand ANYONE off of those premises. Hunters Creek is City of Star property, we are also within our right to demand ANYONE off of those premises and City officials/law enforcement will be notified.

YOUTH SPORTS POSITION STATEMENT

Introduction

Participation in sports activities is an important part of the growth and development of children and provides both physical and mental health benefits. By their nature, youth sports bring together children and adults from different neighborhoods and communities. This can lead to increased risk of COVID-19 spread and introduction or reintroduction of the virus into new areas. While COVID-19 is circulating in the United States, measures need to be taken in order to ensure that activities are conducted in a way that minimizes risk.

As noted in Governor Brad Little's Idaho Rebounds plan, "[u]ntil we have targeted, case-based interventions for each infectious person, an effective vaccine, or effective treatment, we must maintain some level of community interventions to slow the spread of COVID-19."

The following are Central District Health's recommendations for youth sports activities based on the phases outlined in Governor Little's Idaho Rebounds Plan:

Until the time that gatherings of unlimited size are allowed, tournaments and other large events with more than two teams present should not be held.

During Every Stage

- Encourage physical distancing.
- Teach and reinforce the use of face coverings whenever possible.
- Routinely clean and disinfect equipment and surfaces.
- Discourage sharing of water bottles and cups.
- Provide and encourage hand washing and use of hand sanitizer often.
- Encourage athletes to participate in individual drills and activities.
- Encourage participants to use their own equipment, when possible.
- Monitor athletes and coaches/staff for signs and symptoms of COVID, require ill persons to stay home.

Stage 0

- Individual activities only.

Stage 1

- Group/team practices may occur, provided that appropriate physical distancing occurs.
- Follow protocols outlined in Idaho's [Stage 1: Protocols for Youth Activities](#).

Stage 2

- Group practices may occur, provided that appropriate physical distancing occurs. Plan and facilitate individual/ small group drills; discourage scrimmaging.
- No inter-organization activities recommended at this time.

Stage 3

- Scrimmages may occur but no more than two teams or groups should be present. Total number of spectators and teams should be limited to 50 or fewer with physical distancing and face coverings encouraged.

Stage 4

- Scrimmages, games and multi-team events may occur but no more than two teams or groups should be present. Spectators and teams should be limited to 250 or fewer with physical distancing and face coverings encouraged.
- If a team is traveling from another county, cancel or postpone event if team is traveling from area with ongoing community transmission.



GameFACE ATHLETICS

GAMEFACE ATHLETICS SUMMER BASEBALL CLASSIC 2020 Hold Harmless Waiver & Release of Liability Form

I being the parent or legal guardian of the above-named player, completely understand the risks involved in and do hereby consent for my child to participate/compete in the GameFace Athletics Summer Baseball Classic Tournament and in any of its activities, games, or practices entered into as an individual or with his baseball team and to use the facilities of the provided ball parks or any other facility designated as the location for team organized activities, practices, or games.

I acknowledge that I am aware that there are risks to me or my team of exposure directly or indirectly arising out of, contributing to, by, or resulting from: An outbreak of any and all communicable disease, including but not limited to, the virus “sever acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-COV-2)”, which is responsible for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and/or any mutation or variation thereof.

In consideration of having the opportunity to participate at the GameFace Athletics Summer Baseball Classic Tournament, and acknowledging that I am aware of and willing to assume the risks associated with this activity; I consent to allow my child to participate in the GameFace Athletics Summer Baseball Classic Tournament as a member of the participating team and hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless the ballpark, ball field facilities, players, directors, commissioners, agents, umpires, employees, West Valley Little League and assignees from any and all liability, claims, actions, demands, and judgments arising out of any injury, illness, or loss sustained by the below named child, myself, my family, or guests in connection with the GameFace Athletics Summer Baseball Classic Tournament, any team practice sessions, any team sponsored or team recognized activities, travel or any other functions that the above-named player, myself, my family or guess invited to as members of the participating team.

Team Name: _____

Participating Child's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Printed Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____