

2021 Port Washington Men’s Softball COVID-19

SAFE OPERATING PLAN

Field/Location:

Municipal Softball Diamond
 1403 N Holden Street, Port Washington, WI 53074

Objectives:

1. Follow local and state guidelines for safe and healthy operations of Softball/Baseball game play.
2. Clearly communicate operations with each team/organization and spectators.

Resources:

- [Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association - Guidance for Summer Activities](#)
[Centers for Disease Control & Prevention: COVID-19 – Considerations for Youth Sports](#)

General	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Players, spectators, coaches & umpires should stay home from games and practices if sick or have any signs or symptoms of feeling sick (i.e. cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, etc.). 2. Players, spectators, coaches & umpires should always maintain 6-foot distancing between each other while on grounds. 3. Players, coaches, spectators, and umpires will not be allowed to chew gum, chew/spit seeds or other similar items while playing games or practicing. Coaches will need to remove any items found and send them home with parents. Spitting is discouraged. 4. Barring emergency medical responses, coaches should have no physical contact with an opposing team’s players.
Coaches/Players	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anyone with symptoms of a fever, cough, or worsening respiratory symptoms or any known exposure to a person with COVID-19 should not attend any practice or game until cleared with a medical professional. If a player or coach is diagnosed with COVID-19, they are required to notify the city and their participating team immediately. 2. Individuals should bring their own water bottles labeled with names and bring home nightly to sanitize. Community or team water coolers are prohibited.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Players and coaches should refrain from eating food while practicing or playing in games. All food items must be kept in personal bags. Food may not be shared with other players or coaches. 4. Players and coaches should refrain from handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, group celebrations, etc. Instead of a handshake after the game, teams will spread out in front of their dugout and tip their caps towards their opponents' dugout. 5. Players and coaches, should practice proper hygiene, wash hands frequently with soap and water, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (when soap and water are not available), abstain from touching their face, and cover their cough or sneeze with a tissue. Launder all uniforms after each daily use. 6. Pitchers and players are not allowed to "go to their mouth" to lick or wet fingers at any time during the game. 7. 1st & 3rd base coaches must always maintain a 6-foot distance to players. 8. Masks are encouraged but not required during games and practices. If 6-foot distance cannot be maintained in practice a mask should be used. Players & Coaches must wear masks in dugout at all times. 9. Each team will have designated warm up areas to use prior to the start of the game. 10. Complete the Health Screening prior to participating.
Umpires	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Masks are required when not able to maintain 6 feet of social distancing. 2. Pre-game meeting: No Handshakes 3. Maintain social distancing as much as possible. 4. Complete the health screening checklist prior to clocking in.
Equipment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personal player equipment should not be shared and be spaced in expanded dugouts accordingly to prevent close contact. Players should have their own glove, helmet, and bat. Players should wear their batting glove as much as possible. 2. The use of team shared equipment should be limited whenever possible and sanitized after each use. This includes, but is not limited to bats, helmets, and catcher's equipment. 3. Equipment and baseballs/softballs should be disinfected between each inning. 4. Foul balls landing outside the field of play should be retrieved by participating players, coaches, and umpires. No spectators should retrieve foul balls.
Spectators	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All spectators should maintain distancing of 6 feet whenever possible from individuals not residing within their household, especially in common areas. 2. Masks are encouraged but not required. 3. Anyone who is feeling sick or showing signs or symptoms of being sick should stay home. 4. Those at higher risk should consider consultation with their medical provider before attending a game and should ensure the strictest adherence to guidelines regarding face coverings, handwashing, and distancing. Such groups include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Those with a serious underlying medical condition. B. Those residing in a nursing home or a long-term care facility.

	<p>C. Those over the age of 65.</p> <p>5. Children are not allowed to be anywhere on grounds unsupervised.</p> <p>6. Families living in the same household may sit together, otherwise all spectators should sit or stand 6 feet apart.</p> <p>7. Players and families are to vacate the grounds immediately after the conclusion of the game or practice to limit unnecessary contact with other players, coaches, spectators, etc.</p>
Staff and Volunteers	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Must wear CDC approved face coverings. 2. Will social distance whenever possible. 3. Will wear disposable gloves anytime they are handling food or beverage items. 4. Will wash hands or sanitize hands regularly.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF SAFE OPERATING PLAN

By signing below, I acknowledge that I am over 18 years old, that I have read, understand, accept, and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the **2021 Port Washington Softball & Baseball COVID-19 SAFE OPERATING PLAN** set forth above, which PLAN governs the rental and use of the City of Port Washington’s park areas and facilities. I further acknowledge that in addition to other legal action which may be taken by the City of Port Washington and/or by persons present at or participating in softball and/or baseball, a failure or refusal to abide by the **2021 Port Washington Softball & Baseball COVID-19 SAFE OPERATING PLAN** set forth above may result in revocation by the City of any permit or license issued to me or organization/team on whose behalf I have signed this form, and no such permit or license may be issued to me or to said organization/team within 12 months of the date of such revocation.

Signature

Signature Date

Organization/Team