

KIRKWOOD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

2020 COVID-19 SAFETY

RULES/GUIDELINES

The Kirkwood Athletic Association (“KAA”), recognizing both the hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic AND the desire of the public to SAFELY return to some semblance of “normalcy”, has created the following rules/guidelines to assist in returning to playing softball and baseball at KAA in the summer of 2020. These rules/guidelines are a combination of guidelines/best practices from local/state/federal agencies, as well as the expertise and experience KAA has developed over several decades serving the youth of the metropolitan area. While our primary goal is always to keep our players, coaches, umpires and spectators safe, with the continued reduction of the COVID-19 threat, we are hopeful these rules/guidelines may be relaxed/reduced over time as it is determined it is safe to do. Along with the KAA, coaches, parents and umpires will be at the forefront of this effort and are expected to comply with these rules/guidelines while participating in/attending events at our park. TO THE EXTENT THESE GUIDELINES CONFLICT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY GUIDELINES, THE COUNTY GUIDELINES ARE CONTROLLING. Current St. Louis County Guidelines may be viewed at www.stlcorona.com.

RULES FOR ALL ASSOCIATION CONTESTS

Games

1. All participants will maintain 6ft social distancing whenever and wherever possible. While on the field, players and coaches are expected to maintain 6 ft social distancing whenever possible;
2. Meetings for ground rules shall maintain 6 ft. spacing at all times and consist ONLY of 1 coach from each team and the umpire. No handshakes, fistbumps or other physical contact/touching should occur;
3. After the completion of each game, no players or coaches for a subsequent game may enter the dugout until ALL players, as well as their equipment, are

removed. Members of the arriving team should enter the field through the outfield gates and may begin warmups in the field. Once the departing team has left, the arriving team may enter the dugout area;

4. Umpires will sanitize balls after each half inning IF balls are supplied by KAA. IF balls are supplied by teams, EACH TEAM shall be responsible for sanitizing their own game balls in an appropriate manner;
5. THERE WILL BE NO SHARING OF EQUIPMENT, EXCEPT FOR CATCHER'S GEAR. It is HIGHLY recommended however that each catcher provide their own equipment. If shared equipment is used, it must be sanitized prior to any one else using it. Teams shall be responsible for supplying all materials used in sanitizing their own equipment;
6. Bats should be picked up off the field by the base coaches and sanitized after each at bat;
7. Mound visits may only be conducted with 6ft spacing or the wearing of face masks;
8. Base coaches must maintain 6 ft distancing from all participants;
9. Participants are encouraged, but not required, to wear face masks on the field;
10. No post game "line-ups" at any time. No fist bumps or "high-fives" at any time. Post game congratulations shall consist of "cap-tipping" or similar acknowledgement from teams' respective dugouts;
11. Team coolers are not allowed in dugouts or on Association property. Therefore each participant must supply his/her own water bottle/jug with a capacity of one US gallon or less;
12. Players and coaches should sanitize hands before, frequently during, and then after each game;
13. No spitting, chewing gum, sunflower seeds in the park, dugouts or on the field.

SPECTATOR RULES/GUIDELINES

1. ALL spectators, outside of their immediate family, must maintain 6ft social distancing at all times while on KAA property. Areas outside restrooms and concession stands will be designated with appropriate social distancing markings. If appropriate spacing can not be maintained, face shields must be worn;
2. It is highly recommended, but not required, that **no more than 2** spectators per player attend games. Furthermore, if a potential spectator is a “high risk” person, due to age or underlying medical condition, or both, it is HIGHLY recommended that they NOT attend games at the present time;
3. Spectators will NOT be allowed to use any KAA provided seating including permanent or portable stands. Therefore spectators will need to provide their own, individual, seating. Spectators must maintain 6ft social distancing while in the park;
4. Spectators must maintain 6ft social distancing while watching games. Therefore wherever possible, spectators are highly encouraged to sit beyond outfield fences, rather than in the areas behind home plate or between the dugouts. Spectators failing to maintain social distancing in infield areas may be asked to move to areas beyond outfield fencing;
5. In the alternative, it is recommended that spectators unable to maintain 6 ft social distancing, wear protective face shields/masks as detailed in local, state and federal guidelines;
6. NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR BEVERAGE SHALL BE ALLOWED IN KAA AT ANY TIME. No gum, seeds, or peanuts in the shell will be allowed, or sold, at the KAA.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES AT KAA

1. Concession stands shall be operated according to all appropriate local, state and federal health, safety and pandemic guidelines at all times;
2. Appropriate PPE shall be worn by concession stand workers at all times;

3. Hand sanitizing dispensers will be made available in the park to encourage proper personal hygiene;
4. Bathrooms, concession areas and contact points will be sanitized at the start of each day and on a regular basis throughout the day. KAA shall be properly supplied with soap, hand sanitizer and appropriate paper goods;
5. For the safety of everyone in the park, all players, coaches and spectators must follow these rules/guidelines AT ALL TIMES. Failure to follow these rules/guidelines may result in the non-complying person(s) being asked to leave the park;
6. Signage will be placed in the park reminding spectators, players and coaches to maintain social distancing and proper hygiene;
7. As a reminder, coaches will be held responsible for the behavior of their players, fans and spectators at all times;
8. THERE WILL BE NO ARGUING WITH UMPIRES OR UIC'S REGARDING GAME CALLS OR RULES INTERPRETATIONS AT ANY TIME. ALL UMPIRE/UIC DECISIONS ARE FINAL;
9. Please keep all sick or symptomatic people at home. If a team, parent or spectator is determined to be violating these rules, said team may forfeit its next game or, if its playing day is complete, its previous game;
10. Any instances not covered in the above rules/regulations will be decided by the board member on duty, park supervisor, or other such person designated by KAA, on a case-by-case basis. Prior to all games, please review www.Kwdaa.com, or our social media platforms, for any changes to these guidelines;
11. Ingress/egress to KAA shall be through designated entrances and exits only. All park gates shall be marked as "Entrance Only" or "Exit Only" and all KAA attendees are expected to comply accordingly;
12. As always, NO SMOKING IN KAA AT ANY TIME.

PRACTICE ONLY RULES

1. Only players and coaches may attend;
2. Parents shall remain in their cars at all times;
3. Dugouts shall not be used;
4. Restrooms will NOT be available;
5. 6ft social distancing shall be maintained at all times or face masks used;
6. Rules/guidelines concerning shared equipment, as described above, shall be followed at all times.

ADDITIONAL SAFETY MEASURES AT KAA

1. Whenever practical and available, hand sanitizing dispensers will be provided;
2. KAA shall designate the proper method for ordering and picking up food and beverage from its concession stand, according to concession stand and park layout;
3. Contactless payment (credit, debit, Venmo, Applepay etc) shall be utilized whenever practical;
4. Signs will be placed throughout association parks reminding visitors of these guidelines. These guidelines shall be made available on the KAA website and social media platforms;
5. KAA reserves the right to alter/amend these regulations without further notice.