



BASEBALL COACHES MEETING

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WEBSITE

There are a lot of resources available to you as a coach and we hope that you'll take the time to look through them. Sending this link out to your participants could also be tremendously helpful to them and you!

Location:

<https://columbusparksandrec.com/programs-and-events/sports/youth-sports/baseball/>



CODE OF CONDUCT

- Please take time to review and send to your parents, the [Youth Sports Code of Conduct](#)
- Anyone who fails to conform their conduct to the preceding code of conduct while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a youth sports event will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:
 - Verbal warning issued by the league or organization.
 - Written warning issued by the league or organization.
 - Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by the league or organization or by someone who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection by the league or organization.
 - Suspension from multiple youth sports events by the league or organization or by the appropriate official authorized to issue such suspension by the league or organization.
 - Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the league or organization.



KEY DATES

- NYSCA coaches training – Online and FREE
- Equipment Pickup – **Wednesday, 3/31 5:30 – 6:30 Donner Center**
- Contact players by – **ASAP but no later than April 9**
- Practices can begin – **Week of April 5 (weather permitting)**
- First game – **Week of May 3 for CP. May 8 for Tball and JRCP.**
- Picture day process – **May 8 by the shelter house (if games are cancelled so are pictures with no make-up day)**



PARKS & REC GUIDELINES

- Parks & Rec will communicate policies and guidelines to coaches, players and parents, and provide regular updates and reminders.
- Parks & Rec will communicate immediately with the local health department in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case within a team and take the steps outlined in the COVID exposure section of these guidelines.
- Parks & Rec will schedule practice time slots so that one team can conclude and depart prior to the next team arriving, avoiding high traffic times.
- Parks and Rec will make available resources to coaches should they need them as part of their COVID protection procedures.
- Parks and Rec will abide by and help to enforce all State, Local and Federal guidelines.



COACH GUIDELINES

Coaches will wear masks:

- Walking to training or game; walking from training or game.
- During initial instruction and greeting to team.
- Anytime they would come within 6' feet of a player, coach, or parent.
- During all pre-game introductions with opponent coaches.
- In the dugout during games.

Coaches may remove masks, but have masks readily available:

- When they are greater than 6 Feet from a player, coach, or parent.
- When addressing the team with players being at minimum 6 feet away from coach not exceeding 10 minutes.
- When giving dugout instruction or coaching points to a player greater than 6 feet away.
- While consuming food or drink.



COACH GUIDELINES

- Coaches should have a designated dugout space for their personal & team equipment that complies with social distancing best practices.
- Coaches should always have a pair of gloves on their person just in case the coach needs to attend to an injured player. When attending an injured athlete, the coach must wear their mask and gloves.
- There should be no physical contact between players and coaches pre- or post-game.
- Coaches will require parents to confirm their child is symptom free before attending practice or games.
- Coaches will report confirmed cases of COVID-19 to Division Manager immediately and cease practice.
- Coaches will comply with all local and state guidelines.



PLAYER GUIDELINES

- Players are not to share drink containers, even from their own family.
- Players are to keep socially distanced apart when gathering to listen to a coach.
- There should be no physical contact between players, coaches or referees pre or post game.
- Players with fever, cough, or other symptoms of respiratory illness are not permitted to practice.
- Players that have family members with fever, cough, or other symptoms of respiratory illness are not permitted to practice or games.
- Players are recommended to use hand sanitizer before and after practice or games.
- Players are recommended not to carpool to and from practice or games.
- Players are recommended to wash all clothing items promptly after practice and games.
- Players should not be congregating in parking lots, at drop off zones, entrances/exits, before or after practice or games.



PARENT/SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

- Spectators are required to wear masks when making their way to the designated side-line space for spectator seating.
- Only family members living in the same home should be sitting closer than required by the social distancing protocol when attending games and practices.
- Spectators are not required to wear their masks when sitting in their designated viewing area as long as they are sitting a minimum of 6' from another household.
- Masks are not required while consuming food or drink.
- When a spectator moves from their designated seating area, they are required to wear their mask.
- If spectators are interacting with other spectators (other families) at the field/complex, they are required to wear their mask and maintain the minimum social distance 6' apart.
- Parents should model proper behavior (masks, social distancing, and following Parks and Rec guidelines).



PARENT/SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

- Parents should keep their child at home if player or another family member has fever, cough, or other symptoms of respiratory illness.
- Parents should communicate with the club officials if player or another family member has fever, cough, or other symptoms of respiratory illness.
- Parents should encourage that child uses hand sanitizer before and after practice.
- Parents should encourage that child wears mask when not actively training before and after practice or games.
- Parents should not be congregating in parking lots, at drop off zones, at entrances/exits, before or after practice or games.
- There will be **NO** team refreshments allowed post-games by parents/coaches this year. This is to help minimize the instances of exposure during COVID.



COVID-19 EXPOSURE

- If a player or member of the same household as the player, tests positive for COVID, or is quarantining due to exhibiting COVID symptoms or being around someone who has tested positive, please inform the coach. Coaches, when informed, please notify your Division Manager right away. The CDC guidelines for return to play are changing daily so your Division Manager will receive the proper protocols to follow from Parks and Rec administration.
- If there is a positive case on the team, we will notify all households on the team. Opposing teams played during the period of exposure will also be notified.
- If a player exhibits 2 or more signs of COVID (COVID Signs and Symptoms page), a coach has the right to ask that the player does not participate until the above parameters are met. If there is an issue, please contact your division manager.



COVID-19 Signs and Symptoms

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- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea



COVID-19 Signs and Symptoms

Look for emergency warning signs for COVID-19. If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Bluish lips or face
- Severe and constant pain or pressure in the chest
- Extreme difficulty breathing (such as gasping for air or being unable to talk without catching your breath)
- Severe and constant dizziness or lightheadedness
- Serious disorientation (acting confused)
- Unconscious or very difficult to wake up
- Slurred speech or difficulty speaking (new or worsening)
- Seizures
- Signs of low blood pressure (too weak to stand, light headed, feeling cold, pale, clammy skin)



WEATHER INFORMATION

- Games will be played as scheduled unless there is thunder/lightning or extreme cold. You can check the status of the games by calling the activity line at (812) 376-2682, checking the website www.columbusparksandrec.com, or on our [Facebook Page](#).
- Coaches are to cancel practice if there is thunder or lightening. Thunder means that lightening is close enough to strike.
- We follow the IHSAA policy for thunder/lightning - exit the fields and seek shelter if thunder is heard or lightning is seen for 30 minutes.
- The Parks Department may also close the fields, if there has been a significant amount of rain, in efforts to protect the turf from unrepairable damage.



PHOTO DAY PROCESS

General:

- Pictures will be taken outside by the shelter house on the **Saturday 5/8**.
- Each team has an assigned time. Please be sure to communicate it to players & parents. Assigned times can be found on the website.
- Ask that all players be by the shelter house 15 minutes prior to your assigned time.
- Please check-in and have your team ready 10 minutes early.
- Everyone will need to wear masks and only individual pictures will be taken.
- Don't wait for late players. If all of your players aren't present by your assigned time, go ahead with pictures.
- If you miss your assigned time, we will try to work you in, but teams there at their assigned time will go first.
- Coaches can't elect to forgo pictures



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking to grow our baseball board and would love to talk to you about any interest you or someone you know might have in joining the board!

If interested, email sports@columbus.in.gov to begin the conversation.



**Thank you for your assistance and the
commitment to our youth baseball program!**