



## **COVID-19 Safety Guidelines**

**The DSSC COVID-19 Safety Guidelines include best practices for adult social sports. These were developed in consultation with CDC requirements, state and local guidelines, and the input of the Sport & Social Industry Association.**

**As areas begin to open and play resumes, this document can and will be updated as additional issues are identified. These guidelines do not replace individual guidelines enforced by individual municipalities, parks departments, facilities, or specific locations. DSSC intends to follow these rules and mandates as communicated to us by our facility contacts.**

# GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES FOR ALL SPORTS AND LOCATIONS

- Detailed restarting emails will be sent to all participants with requirements for their specific sport/location, options for not playing, and expectations from them and their team.
- Stay at home if you are sick or show any symptoms
- Come, Play, Leave - avoid gathering
- Use large banners/signage where possible informing that COVID precautions are in effect
- Sanitation will be available for all players and staff
  - Sanitizer bottles
  - “Bar” Towels
  - Alcohol wipes
  - Hand sanitizer for all coordinators/umps
  - Disposable gloves
  - Players and participants or staff are also encouraged to bring their own PPE as well
- Follow most recent group gathering size guidelines by CDC and/or local government for current phase
- Avoid congregating in groups, touching shared surfaces
- No post-game handshakes, high fives, or celebratory contact of any kind
- Staging/Waiting areas for teams entering field or courts for next game
  - Location specific emails will go out to all teams and players
    - These will be added to league/schedule pages where applicable
    - Yard signs for staff to put out during league play if needed
- Limit spectators at all leagues/events and avoid using bleachers where possible or required
- Avoid allowing pets or children when possible as it increases the difficulty for social distancing
- Staff will sanitize common areas as needed
- Options for digital signing of waivers/rosters have been implemented to reduce touch points
- Award ceremonies should be contactless by staff with a team representative distributing any awards to players.
- DSSC will designate a COVID response point person in the office to address policy and guideline updates as it pertains to rules, parks, players, staff, etc.
- Some locations or leagues may require a daily roster/attendance of everyone in attendance at the facility in order to comply with mandated contact tracing. This will be required in order to enter the facility.
- Consistent with applicable law and privacy policies, have staff, umpires/officials, and players self-report to the organization if they have [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19, or were exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days in accordance with [health information sharing regulations for COVID-19](#), and other applicable laws and regulations.

## SPORT-SPECIFIC GUIDELINES

### 1. Softball/Kickball

#### a. DUGOUTS - DO NOT USE

- i. Team listed as home on schedule - First Base Foul Line
  1. KICKBALL - On the field (foul area) outside of play
  2. SOFTBALL - On the outside of the fence
- ii. Team listed as away on schedule - Third Base Foul Line
  1. KICKBALL - On the field (foul area) outside of play
  2. SOFTBALL - On the outside of the fence

- iii. Only up to bat/kick, on deck & base coaches allowed on the field for batting/kicking team
- iv. Dugouts can only be used if needed for field entrance/exit and not for storing equipment
- b. GAME BALLS
  - i. If in original packaging - leave closed till the ball is needed
  - ii. After the game - balls are given to coordinator to spray down and air dry - new sanitized set handed to umps for next game
- c. UMPIRES
  - i. Umpires must stand 6' behind the batter/kicker to the opposite side of the Catcher
  - ii. Stand 6 feet behind the batter/kicker whenever possible
- d. GENERAL
  - i. All staff, players, umpires, and spectators are encouraged to continue social distancing
  - ii. Each team's captain and umps/refs will conduct a pregame meeting at home plate, all involved are required to keep 6' social distancing during ground rules and coin toss.
  - iii. Catchers stand 6' behind the batter/kicker on the opposite side of umpire when possible
  - iv. Suggest no shared equipment, bats, gloves, etc. for teams
  - v. Teams must completely exit the field before next teams are allowed on the field
  - vi. Base coaches must be 6' away from the base.
  - vii. No spitting, sunflower seeds, or chewing tobacco
  - viii. No group celebrations
- e. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES
  - i. Stay home if you are sick, not feeling well, or show any symptoms
  - ii. Wash hands thoroughly before and after games
  - iii. Wait in your car until it is time for your team to play
  - iv. Bring own individual water bottle
  - v. No group celebrations

## **2. VOLLEYBALL**

- a. Each court should have a designated waiting area, one for each team. If players are playing in multiple matches, they should wait outside of these designated areas maintaining social distance.
- b. Between games or at switching sides, remind players to avoid contact
- c. Have people take their belongings onto the sand/court to free up waiting areas for the next teams/players
- d. Come, play, leave - encourage players to leave after their games if they are done playing to allow more space for more players
- e. Spray disinfectant will be available for game balls
- f. There should only be team players on any court at any given time
- g. GENERAL
  - i. All staff, players, umpires, and spectators are encouraged to continue social distancing
  - ii. Each team's captain will conduct a pregame rock/paper/scissors at the net, all involved are required to keep 6' social distancing.
  - iii. No spitting, sunflower seeds, or chewing tobacco
- h. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES
  - i. Stay home if you are sick, not feeling well, or show any symptoms
  - ii. Wash hands thoroughly before and after games
  - iii. Wait in your car until it is time for your team to play
  - iv. Bring own individual water bottle
  - v. No group celebrations

### 3. SOCCER

#### a. GENERAL

- i. Teams must use opposite sidelines. Should teams have to share a sideline due to field configuration they must remain near the endline of the field.
- ii. Only one player per team shall be allowed at the coin toss with the ref to begin the game
- iii. Sanitize "game" ball before each half & any new ball entering game
- iv. Wipe or spray down goals at end of night
- v. Sanitize cones at end of night
- vi. No spitting, sunflower seeds, or chewing tobacco

#### b. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- i. Stay home if you are sick, not feeling well, or show any symptoms
- ii. Wash hands thoroughly before and after games
- iii. Wait in your car until it is time for your team to play
- iv. Bring own individual water bottle
- v. No group celebrations

### 4. FLAG FOOTBALL

#### a. For all leagues that are still in season

- i. Buying a flag for all players
  1. Will have at first game back they can pick up from coordinator
  2. Have sharpies so they can write name on it

#### b. For all new leagues

- i. Must provide their own
  1. Can purchase from us or have their own
- ii. We will have a communal bag of flags and sanitizer spray for anyone that forgets theirs - will also wash communal at least every two weeks.

#### c. Sanitize any used "communal" flags after use

#### d. GENERAL

- i. Teams must use opposite sidelines. Should teams have to share a sideline due to field configuration they must remain near the endline of the field.
- ii. Only one player per team shall be allowed at the coin toss with the ref to begin the game
- iii. Sanitize "game" ball before each half & any new ball entering game
- iv. Sanitize cones at end of night
- v. No spitting, sunflower seeds, or chewing tobacco

#### e. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- i. Stay home if you are sick, not feeling well, or show any symptoms
- ii. Wash hands thoroughly before and after games
- iii. Wait in your car until it is time for your team to play
- iv. Bring own individual water bottle
- v. No group celebrations

### 5. BASKETBALL

#### a. Preprint rosters on scoresheets for the season - limits amount of touches for our staff

- i. Each week highlight name of the player who is there
  1. Check-in will be scorekeeper asking who is there this week
- ii. The scorekeeper can write any add ons or pickups
- iii. This also may help with captains thinking their players are signed in - when we are actually talking about team roster not scoresheet.

#### b. Sanitize "game" ball before each half & any new ball entering the game

- c. Sanitize chairs/benches after each game
- d. Designated waiting areas for teams
- e. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES
  - i. Stay home if you are sick, not feeling well, or show any symptoms
  - ii. Wash hands thoroughly before and after games
  - iii. Wait in your car until it is time for your team to play
  - iv. Bring own individual water bottle
  - v. No group celebrations

## **General Player Responsibilities**

While repeated from specific sport requirements, ALL players are expected to follow these guidelines:

- Take your temperature daily and especially before activities with others.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after games.
- Bring, and use, hand sanitizer with you at every game.
- Wear mask before and immediately after all play.
- Do not touch or share anyone else's equipment, water, food or bags.
- Practice social distancing, place bags and equipment at least 6 feet apart.
- Wash and sanitize all equipment before and after every game.
- No group celebrations, high-5s, hugs, handshakes, fist-bumps, etc.
- Adopt a Burning Man - "Leave No Trace" Policy. Teams must leave absolutely nothing at the field and in the dugouts and sidelines. Do not make staff clean up after you!
- Wait in your car until it is time for your team to play.
- Bring your own personal cooler instead of using a team cooler, along with bringing your own individual water bottle.
- Follow all CDC guidelines as well as those of your local health authorities.

## **General Staff Responsibilities**

All DSSC staff is expected to follow these requirements:

- Be aware of all DSSC COVID policies as well as specific policies and requirements for the location you are working. Educate all players on these policies.
- Take your temperature daily and especially before activities with others. DO NOT WORK if showing any symptoms and report to DSSC office staff immediately.
- Wash hands thoroughly before and after games.
- Bring all PPE and special equipment that has been supplied by DSSC.
- Mention all provided PPE that is available for player use to them often.
- Recommended to wear mask during shift if possible.
- Avoid unnecessary touching of any equipment or surfaces if possible.
- Practice and enforce social distancing of at least 6 feet apart.
- Wash and sanitize all equipment before and after every game.
- Enforce no group celebrations, high-5s, hugs, handshakes, fist-bumps, etc.
- Remind all players to take all equipment, trash, etc with them or dispose of themselves.
- Follow all CDC guidelines as well those of your local health authorities.
- Update DSSC office staff on any violations, suggestions, or issues related to their COVID policies.