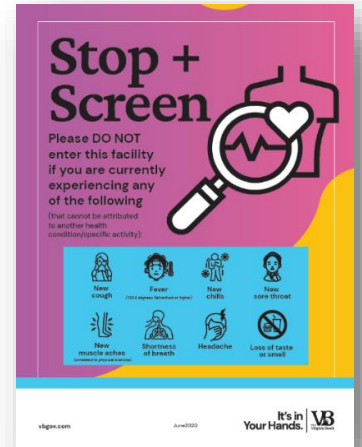


**Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation**  
Guidelines and Outline of Responsibilities  
For Athletic Tournaments/Field Rentals During COVID-19

Parks and Recreation shall:

- Allow the return to all sports as permitted by current Executive Order.
- Post signage at field entrances that state no one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19 or known exposure to a COVID-19 case in the prior 14 days is permitted in the facility (standard City signage).
- Post signage to provide public health reminders regarding physical distancing (ex: standard City signage, as well as banners along fences, within bathrooms, etc. reminding instructors, participants, and spectators to practice and maintain physical distance, per state guidelines for outdoor recreation sports).
- Provide routine cleaning of bathrooms at Princess Anne Athletic Complex and City View Athletic Complex, ensure soap and cleaning supplies are available, and provide an increased level of disinfection (at least every 2 hours) of high contact bathroom areas and hard surfaces such as door knobs, light switches, etc.
- Enlarge the player dugouts at the softball fields to include the bleacher area immediately adjacent to dugouts to provide additional space for increased distancing between players. (Bleachers to be closed to spectators.)
- Turn off water fountains.
- Monitor compliance with all current guidelines by tournament director/organizational contact and teams (below) and notify tournament director/organizational contact immediately of any issues.



Tournament directors/Organizational Contacts shall:

- Ensure coaches, officials, tournament staff, players and spectators adhere to Virginia Safer at Home Guidelines.
- Spectators must wear face masks over their nose and mouth at all times, and ten feet of physical distance must be maintained between spectators who are not family members. Certain large tournaments may receive staffing assistance from CVB Sports Marketing to aide in enforcement which will be based on available funding at the time of the event.
- Conduct daily screening of coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the venue/facility. Children should be screened per CDC guidance. Adults should be asked if they are currently experiencing

fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or a sense of having a fever, a new cough that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new shortness of breath that cannot be attributed to another health condition, new chills that cannot be attributed to another health condition, a new sore throat that cannot be attributed to another health condition, or new muscle aches that cannot be attributed to another health condition or specific activity.

- Ensure anyone experiencing symptoms are not permitted to play or permitted in the facility.
- Enforce and ensure no spectator limits are greater than permitted by current Executive Order. Currently 1000 per field with six feet of physical distance between spectators who are not family members.
- Require players, spectators, and officials to refrain from high fives, handshakes, and other similar physical contact.
- Enforce no spitting or eating of sunflower seeds or other similar products.
- Enforce the physical distancing guidelines between players and officials, where practicable.
- Enforce physical distancing between spectators from different households. Spectators can line the fields with chairs, tents, etc. but should remain separate from other spectators during games.
- Enforce no spectator use of bleachers (bleachers to be used by teams for expanded dug out/team area). Spectators will be permitted to bring chairs and tents and line the fields, ensuring proper social distancing between households.
- Ensure shared game items are disinfected between use to the extent practicable. (Ex: baseball/softball periodically disinfected or replaced during games.)
- Inform all teams they are expected to clean and disinfect the player benches/stands and high touch points in these areas prior to vacating the area at the conclusion of a game
- Inform all in attendance associated with their event if an individual is incapable of maintaining physical distancing on their own (ex: young child), they must be accompanied at all times by someone who can ensure physical distancing is maintained (ex: to a food truck, to the restroom, etc.).
- Enforce no congregating in the facility or parking lot before or after games to ensure group gathering/spectator limits are not exceeded as per current Executive Order. Teams should be encouraged to exit the field and facility within 15 minutes of the game ending.
- All scheduled games should be adequately staggered to prevent large congregations of players, teams and spectators. Sufficient time is to be built into the game scheduling to permit game play, wiping down of player benches and stands and the exit of all players prior to the next set of teams arriving.

- Seven days prior to the first date of use the tournament director is to submit to the Sports Management office the proposed game time / field schedule for approval. The schedule must reflect enough time between games to allow for safer ingress and egress of all. Sports Management Office will approve the final game schedule.
- Acknowledge in writing the understanding that failure to comply with any of these guidelines could result in delaying or temporary stopping of games, cancellation of the tournament/field rental and/or denial of future field use requests.



Links:

[CDC considerations for youth sports](#)

[Executive Order 72 - Amended](#)

[Considerations for Recreational Sports – Coronavirus \(virginia.gov\)](#)

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