



## Burlington Recreation and Parks

### Return to Play Guidelines/Procedures:

### YOUTH BASEBALL/SOFTBALL – LEAGUE PLAY

#### Registration:

##### 1. Leagues offered:

- a. 8U Baseball
- b. 8U Softball
- c. 10U Baseball
- d. 10U Softball
- e. 12U Baseball
- f. 12U Softball

##### 2. Registration Process:

- a. Registration will be *Team Entry* only. Coaches will communicate directly with the youth athletic supervisor to fill out appropriate rosters, turn in appropriate paperwork (birth certificates, signed COVID waivers, etc.)
- b. McDade office building will remain closed, and any meeting between coach/parent and the youth athletic supervisor will be done through appointment only
- c. Players (Parents) are required to sign the City's Covid-19 waiver
- d. Team Fees:
  - i. 8U Baseball/8U Softball - \$200
  - ii. 10U Baseball/10U Softball/12U Baseball/12U Softball - \$250
- e. **NO INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED**
  - i. Players may contact youth athletic supervisor to have their name placed on a waitlist and will be added to teams at the end of the registration period if teams have not reached the *soft cap*
- f. Registration Period: September 14<sup>th</sup> – September 25<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Each league is **CAPPED** at 4 teams
  - ii. Priority registration will be given to teams returning from within our program if they have played in the Fall of 2019 or Spring of 2019. This priority registration period will begin on September 14<sup>th</sup> and end on September 21<sup>st</sup>, at which point teams who did not play during the Fall of 2019 or Spring of 2019 will be allowed to register

##### 3. Team Makeup:

- a. Roster Limits
  - i. Soft Cap – \*10 players
    1. \*If a team doesn't reach 10 players, they must add players from the waitlist until they reach the soft cap; players will be distributed on a FIFO system, first to register are the first ones placed
  - ii. Hard Cap – 12 players
- b. Coach Limits
  - i. A maximum of 3 coaches will be allowed on field for practices/games
  - ii. Teams may have additional coaches on staff but may only carry 3 in the dugout/field for

games/practices

- iii. Any person who identifies as a coach will be subject to background check and issued a photo id by youth athletic supervisor; This id will be required for entry to dugout/field for games and practices

c. Ages by League

- i. 8U – Can't be 9 before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- ii. 10U – Can't be 11 before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020
- iii. 12U – Can't be 13 before October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

4. Coaches Meeting:

- a. A coaches meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Clear expectations of practices and games will be addressed.

**Practices:**

1. Field Layout:

- a. All practices MUST take place at Springwood Park
- b. Only 2 fields will be utilized at any given time at the park
- c. The available fields will be determined by the athletic supervisor and athletic maintenance staff based on conditions
- d. Bleachers will be roped off and unavailable to any spectators, but serve as an extension of the dugout for players to properly social distance
- e. Areas behind the backstop will be roped off and unavailable for spectators but serve as an extension of the dugout for players to properly social distance
- f. Bathrooms will be available as well as an additional portable toilet located between fields 1 and 2
- g. Sanitizing stations will be available at team dugouts (2 per field)
- h. Signage placed at entrances to dugouts indicating Players/Coaches only
- i. Signage placed along rope and delineators indicating Players/Coaches only
- j. Markers will be placed on fence 6ft apart across the first and third base lines as well as the back fence, beginning at the end of each set of bleachers (these markers will be used to designate spectator areas for families to help them maintain social distancing while spectating)
- k. Entrance to the park will be down main walkway, exit is down service road
- l. Picnic tables will be unavailable
- m. Water fountains will be unavailable

2. Parents/Spectators

- a. Parents and spectators will be asked to remain in their vehicles during the designated practice time
- b. Must conduct daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or temperature above 100.4 must stay home.

3. Coaches/Players

- a. Players and coaches must remain in their vehicles until their practice time
- b. Only 3 coaches will be allowed on field for practice; All coaches permitted must have their picture id (issued by Burlington Recreation and Parks)
- c. All coaches and players must wear a mask until they reach their designated field; Once on the field, coaches and players may remove the mask but must maintain 6ft of social distancing whenever possible
- d. Players are encouraged to bring their own water bottles as water fountains will be unavailable
- e. Any shared equipment (bats/helmets) need to be sanitized after use; balls need to be frequently sanitized; coaches will need to provide their own wipes for sanitizing
- f. Must conduct daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or temperature above 100.4 must stay home.

4. Staff

- a. Two staff members will be present during practices to enforce the above policies
  - b. Staff members are required to wear masks and maintain social distancing as much as possible
  - c. Dugouts will be sanitized by staff after practices
  - d. Bathrooms will be sanitized by staff frequently
  - e. Staff will have access to masks to provide to anyone who does not have one
  - f. Must conduct daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or temperature above 100.4 must stay home.
5. Practice Dates/Times
- a. September 28<sup>th</sup> – October 9<sup>th</sup>
    - i. M-F only; 1 practice guaranteed, 2 practices depending on availability
    - ii. 5PM-6PM; 6:15PM-7:15PM, 7:30PM-8:30PM
  - b. October 12<sup>th</sup> – November 20<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Wednesdays/Fridays only (games have begun), subject to cancellation due to makeup games
    - ii. 5PM-6PM; 6:15PM-7:15PM, 7:30PM-8:30PM

### Games:

#### 1. Field Layout:

- a. All games will take place at Springwood Park
- b. Only 2 fields will be utilized at any given time at the park
- c. The available fields will be determined by the athletic supervisor and athletic maintenance staff based on conditions and other factors
- d. Bleachers will be roped off and unavailable to any spectators, but serve as an extension of the dugout for players to properly social distance
- e. Areas behind the backstop will be roped off and unavailable for spectators but serve as an extension of the dugout for players to properly social distance
- f. Bathrooms will be available as well as an additional portable toilet located between fields 1 and 2
- g. Sanitizing stations will be available at team dugouts (2 per field)
- h. Signage placed at entrances to dugouts indicating Players/Coaches only
- i. Signage placed along rope and delineators indicating Players/Coaches only
- j. Markers will be placed on fence 6ft apart across the first and third base lines as well as the back fence, beginning at the end of each set of bleachers (these markers will be used to designate spectator areas for families to help them maintain social distancing while spectating)
- k. Entrance to the park will be down main walkway, exit is down service road
- l. Picnic tables will be unavailable
- m. Water fountains will be unavailable
- n. Concessions available, packaged items only; **exact change requested**

#### 2. Parents/Spectators

- a. Only immediate family of the players should be permitted to the games
- b. Parents and spectators are required to remain in their vehicles until their game time, giving ample time for prior games to finish and the participants/spectators to vacate the park
- c. Parents and spectators must enter the park via the main walkway or through the grass and exit the park via the service road
- d. Parents and spectators are required to wear a mask while moving through the park (entering, exiting, purchasing concessions, going to the bathroom, etc)
- e. Bleachers will be unavailable, a foldable chair or blanket is recommended
- f. Parents and spectators must sit along the first and third base fence lines or along the back fence, following the markers along the fence line to maintain social distancing 6ft apart; These areas indicated by the

markers are the “spectator areas”; No bleachers or areas behind the backstop are permitted to be spectator areas

- g. Parents/Spectators are to leave the park immediately following the conclusion of the game; no post game snacks to be handed out
- h. Must conduct daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or temperature above 100.4 must stay home. 50 person maximum per field, 25 spectators per team. This will be enforced by BRPD staff

### 3. Coaches/Players

- a. Players and coaches may enter the park prior to their game time to warm up
  - i. Warm-up areas are to be outside of the fences of the fields not being utilized for play (indicated in the diagram)
  - ii. Staff will notify teams when they are able to go to their field for their game (this will be after the prior game ends and spectators/players/coaches leave and dugouts are sanitized)
- b. Only 3 coaches will be allowed in dugout area for game; All coaches permitted must have their picture id (issued by Burlington Recreation and Parks)
- c. All coaches and players must wear a mask until they reach their designated field; Once on the field, coaches and players may remove the mask but must maintain 6ft of social distancing whenever possible
- d. Players are encouraged to bring their own water bottles as water fountains will be unavailable
- e. Any shared equipment (bats/helmets) need to be sanitized after use; balls need to be frequently sanitized
- f. No post game meeting permitted; once the game ends, coaches and players must pack up/mask up and exit the park
- g. No touch rule – Players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans.
- h. Must conduct daily symptom assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or temperature above 100.4 must stay home.

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- b. Staff members are required to wear masks and maintain social distancing as much as possible
- c. Dugouts will be sanitized by staff after games
- d. Bathrooms will be sanitized by staff frequently
- e. Staff will have access to masks to provide to anyone who does not have one
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### 5. Game Modifications

- a. One umpire per game
- b. One scorekeeper per game
- c. Umpire and 1 coach from each team may meet pre-game
- d. Double first base will be used for ALL leagues
- e. NO stealing will be permitted in ANY league
- f. Umpire may call balls and strikes from behind pitcher to maintain distancing
- g. Other modifications may be made in accordance to umpire assignor and youth athletic supervisor recommendations