

City of Avondale Leagues and Tournaments

Safety and Physical Distancing Guidelines

- Keep physical distancing when in dug outs, line up along fence area and do not have more than 5 people in dugout at a time.
- Plate meetings restricted to only captains and umpire, standing 6 ft. apart.
- No high fives during or after game. Other means of game celebrations and team sportsmanship can occur (e.g., ask players to tip their caps, or have teams bow to each other from across the field).
- Rosters must be turned in before your first game and brought up to the office. Softball Supervisor will no longer be going in dugouts. Your game cannot start until this is turned in.
- Families and Friends can sit together but others must be spread out 6 feet apart from one another.
- When using a tent, please restrict it to close members only.
- Players, umpires and spectators must adhere to the guidelines from CDC and state and local authorities.
- Each team will get their own scorecard. Be sure to communicate with the other team regarding scores after each inning.
- All teams are required to throw all their trash from dugouts and stands in the garbage after their games.
- We encourage players to use antibacterial wipes or hand sanitizer for disinfecting equipment and hands between innings.
- Upon arriving at a dugout for the first time, teams are to disinfect hard surface areas.
- **NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS!**
- All players, umpires and spectators are encouraged to wear a mask or other face covering until CDC, state and local authorities declare that masks are no longer recommended.
- New softballs will remain in their original packaging until they are introduced to the game.
- It is recommended that all players and umpires use their own equipment while participating. This includes bats, gloves, mitts, etc.
- The batter, catcher and umpire shall position themselves during a player's at-bat to allow for physical distancing.
- Captain's will be the single point of contact for teams with staff.