



The Willamette Valley Men's Baseball League ("WVMBL") released the following health & safety guidelines for the 2020 season. These guidelines are based on recommendations received in June 2020 and are subject to change. It will take players, coaches, spectators and others to all work together to make this a positive and safe environment. Please read and follow below:

**Prior to Arrival:**

- A. Players, Coaches, Umpires complete "Self-Evaluation" prior to arriving to the game/venue. The "Self-Evaluation" is located on the WVMBL website for ease of use:
  - a. Players to bring a copy of the self-evaluation form to the venue and turn in to the coach,
  - b. Coaches will maintain their own and players self-evaluation form,
  - c. Umpires are to complete the self-evaluation form and notify their umpire commissioner. Umpire commissioner to communicate prior to game time that the umpires on duty passed the self-evaluation test and can umpire the game. Umpire should have the self-evaluation form with when arriving to the game/venue,
  - d. Coaches should notify the WVMBL regarding any self-evaluation test not passed. The WVMBL will review and monitor the cases,
- B. Players are encouraged to arrive to the game/venue by themselves or with their immediate family. Carpooling is discouraged,
- C. Players should be fully dressed prior to arrival. It is expected to put on their baseball shoes at the field after arrival. No changing into uniform or baseball attire is allowed at the field or dugouts,

**Arrival to Field/Venue:**

- A. Participants arriving should check into the WVMBL Field Commissioner, if available, and report. If the WVMBL Field Commissioner is not available, proceed directly to the assigned dugout,
- B. Participants required to bring their own source of hydration, such as water and Gatorade. No sharing of fluids allowed. No team water coolers or other shared drinking stations allowed,
- C. Team dugouts will also have extended designated areas for the participants,
- D. Spectators required to sit in designated areas. No spectators allowed in the participants dugouts or other designated areas.

**Field/Venue Guidelines:**

- A. Spectators
  - a. Adhere to six-foot social distancing practices not in the same family,
  - b. Perform their own self-evaluation test. Can use the test located on the WVMBL website,
  - c. Do not enter player designated areas,
  - d. Be six feet away from backstop.
- B. Coaches
  - a. Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices,
  - b. Maintain player self-evaluation test for all games,
  - c. No touch rule – coaches should refrain from high fives, handshakes,
  - d. Ensure players are following COVID-19 related prevention measures,
  - e. Distribute line-up cards to opposing coaches electronically, such as a text.

- f. Coaches communicate any changes with the umpire during the game for informational purposes only,
  - g. Coaches maintain their own scorebook and notify the opposing coach of any changes during the game,
  - h. Coaches to maintain game balls and clean when necessary. Umpire will not keep baseballs on their person,
  - i. Pre & Post game meetings should adhere to the 6-foot distancing guidelines.
- C. Players
- a. Adhere to six-foot social distancing off the field of play. This applies in the dugout and surrounding areas when not participating in the game,
  - b. No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshakes,
  - c. Do not share water or other fluids, equipment. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner/player,
  - d. Complete the self-evaluation test prior to the scheduled game and turn in to the coach.
- D. Umpires
- a. Adhere to six-foot social distancing off the field of play,
  - b. Complete the self-evaluation test prior to the scheduled game and turn in to the umpire association commissioner,
  - c. Avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches and/or spectators,
  - d. Consider calling balls/strikes (Homeplate Umpire) with adequate distance between the catcher while still able to perform their duty,
  - e. Between innings, move to a place where you adhere to the six-foot distancing protocol.
- E. Equipment
- a. Players should use their own equipment. If equipment is shared, thoroughly clean the equipment before using again,
  - b. Minimize equipment in general. Only bring what is needed to play the game,
  - c. Bats should be kept with the respective player's gear.
  - d. Baseball's maintained by each team participating in the game. Baseballs switched out between every half-inning, and when 4 or more players touch the ball during a play. Umpire may also request to exchange baseballs when appropriate.

**General Guidelines:**

- A. Encourage always recommend wearing a face covering,
- B. Bring your own hand sanitizer. WVMBL will provide sanitizer for the dugouts specifically for the players, umpires and coaches,
- C. No spitting or eating seeds, gum or other similar products,
- D. All work together making for a positive experience.

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