

RHWS CV19 Competition Protocols

September 20, 2020

No games may be played without approval of Field owners in conjunction with local government "shelter-at-home" guidelines.

General Game Considerations:

1. Players will not come to games if sick, sneezing, coughing or running a temperature.
2. Temperature checks will be taken at the complex gates as players arrive for games. Temperatures of 100.4 or more will not be admitted.
3. Players must provide PROOF of having a mask for use in dugouts, stands, on-field meetings – any situation where social distancing is not possible – as part of condition of admittance to complexes.
4. Back-to-back games will be scheduled to allow time for players from first game to safely depart before players in subsequent games take the dugout/field. RHWS field managers will make sure metal benches are wiped down with sanitizing wipes between games.
5. In case of a game stopped by rain or lightning, participants must gather gear and go to cars to wait for further instructions. Congregating in dugouts or any outdoor pavilion is prohibited.
6. Spectators: ... must observe social-distancing guidelines. Spectators may use metal bleachers as long as players do not need them between innings; spectators would be well-advised to bring their own portable chairs.
7. Liability waivers noting the risks of participation should include virus & bacteria language as well as "hold harmless" provisions covering league, field owner & employees. Roy Hobbs Waiver MUST be signed before playing their first game by every participant, including umpires.
8. Batting cages: 2 persons per cage at any one time; Non-social distancing while congregating outside the cages requires mandatory mask.
9. Game over, do not congregate around cars in parking lot. Where you go after a game is your business, but it cannot be done in the parking lot.
10. Team coolers are prohibited; participants may bring their own personal-sized coolers but keep coolers outside the dugout or with participant's chair. Roy Hobbs will supply individual 8-ounce bottled waters in each dugout.
11. Injured players: Anyone attending to an injured player on the field, in the dugout or outside the field must wear a nose & mouth mask or a shield. This includes incidents of heat exhaustion and dehydration. In dugout, injured player being attended to must have a mask too. Participants required to have masks handy. Cooling off sites may be available at each complex for cases of heat illness.
12. Umpires dressing: Must dress in usual locker room, keep space of 3 lockers between umpires. JetBlue spacing issues are under consideration.

On Field Game Considerations

13. Home plate umpire required to wear a nose & mouth mask or full game-mask shield.
14. Nose & mouth mask for infield umpire optional.
15. Nose & mouth masks for catchers, hitters and defensive players are optional.
16. Hand gloves for all participants is optional.
17. Pre-game meeting, lineup exchange: Masks required for participants.

18. Meetings on the mound should be limited to Pitcher-Catcher and/or manager, but socially-distanced. (Nobody is reading lips!). Infielders want to add their 2 cents? Do it from 10 feet from the mound.
19. Meeting with umpire(s) to get a ruling on a call, wear mask, follow outdoor social distancing. Arguing or yelling at umpires requires 10 of distance or risk of ejection. (Ejected players must leave complex for duration of game.)
20. Hitters should focus on pitcher, and refrain from spitting. To wit: Spitting: It's what baseball players do. Spitting creates an aerosol, and outdoor COVID-19 transmission is significantly enhanced via aerosol. Be aware of surroundings & wind; spit away from others – better yet, don't spit!
21. Dugouts limited to 4-8 players, depending on the size of the dugout, with priority given to game pitcher & catcher & injured players. Practice social-distancing in dugout. All equipment to be kept outside dugouts, near on-deck circle. Scorekeepers can sit in portable chair outside dugout. Equipment area is out of play.
22. If seating is unavailable in dugouts or in shaded areas behind dugouts, players have first priority in the metal bleachers. Beyond that, RH will make every effort to provide chairs outside the dugout and must be socially distanced.
23. Sharing of helmets & protective gear is prohibited; sharing of bats & gloves is left to the discretion of the players.
24. No post game handshakes or high fives – line up on baseline in front of dugout to salute your opponent in an appropriate manner like a tip of the hat or a "good game" "congrats!"

Lee County Addendums

25. Adults 65 years and older and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions are strongly encouraged to avoid large crowds.
26. Do not come to the event if you or any household member has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
27. If tournament staff use any indoor areas for their event (excluding restrooms), the disinfecting and cleaning of the used indoor areas will be performed by the event/tournament staff.
28. Depending on field sites and locations there may be areas to cool players who may be suffering a heat related illness. Lee County Parks and Recreation will allow access whenever possible to areas where cooling is conducive and the ability to social distance. Tournament staff will be responsible for disinfect the cooling area after each use. If the tournament has a certified athletic trainer on site, they will provide treatment for suspected heat related illnesses. In the event there is not access to cooling facilities and/or there is not an athletic trainer, 911 should be called.