

Town of Skowhegan  
Parks & Recreation Department

Ballfield COVID-19 Safety Guidelines & Procedures 2020

In an effort to ensure the safety and well-being of all the athletes, coaches, spectators and umpires the following safety precautions and guidelines will be in effect for all play.

1. **IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL, PLEASE STAY HOME!!**
2. Anyone who is at a high risk for contracting COVID-19 should continue to stay home and avoid participation in any team sports where close contact with other people is probable.
3. Prior to attending any practices or games, all participants (players, coaches, and umpires) must check for any signs of illness (fever, cough, shortness of breath)
4. If a participant contracts the virus, the master schedule (which includes team, coaches and umpire information) will be utilized for tracing purposes. All participants who had contact with the ill participant will require medical clearance prior to returning to the league
5. Town of Skowhegan COVID-19 Waiver forms for players & coaches must be filled out and returned.
6. We highly recommend that teams do not use the dugouts, in order to avoid the spread of germs between teams.
7. We highly recommend teams that teams bring their own hand sanitizer for their team to use before, during & after play.
8. No spectators will be allowed near the dugouts and/or backstop area.
9. Spectators will be allowed, maintaining 6' social distancing, down by the fence lines past 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> bases and in the outfield areas beyond the fence/playing area. Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs versus using bleachers.
10. Teams will be required to bring their own sanitizing equipment and product for cleaning of bats, balls, and other team equipment.
11. Team Representatives will schedule 30 minutes in between so teams/groups do not interact.
12. Usage of team shared equipment, water, sunflower seed, spitting and spitting of gum is prohibited.
13. Players and coaches are encouraged to bring their own individual water bottles.
14. Practices must be limited to your team only. Scrimmages/game play will be prohibited unless an agreement for such play is approved prior to use.
15. No home plate team celebrations should a player hit a home run.
16. All field request(s), regardless of group, league or tournament, must contact the Rec. Dept by calling the Skowhegan Community Center (207) 474-6901
17. Fields will only be reserved to Skowhegan Residents.
18. All reservations must be listed by Team Name that is on file.
19. Masks are to be worn by all if you cannot maintain the 6' social distancing requirement.
20. Please follow all Social Distancing, Health, CDC and local guidelines.
21. Home plate umpire will be in their normal spot (with mask) or deeper in the umpire box to allow social distancing.
22. Batting gloves are allowed to be worn by outfielders on their throwing hand.
23. No line up cards exchanged.
24. If bats are used by multiple players, they must be sanitized by a designated person prior to use by the next player.

25. A coach is responsible for picking up bats after an at bat concludes and sanitizing both the bat and themselves.
26. Ball must be sanitized periodically after use.
27. Failure to follow these rules may result in asking teams, players and coaches to leave the facility for the health and safety of everyone.
28. All trash must be picked up and disposed of properly; dugouts, bleachers, perimeter and fields.
29. Smoking, vapors, alcohol, drugs and weapons are prohibited on all town facilities.
30. No motorized vehicles on grass and/or playing area.
31. Driveways and entrances must be clear for emergency purposes.
32. Vendors are prohibited unless approved prior to.
33. No pets allowed on athletic fields.
34. Town programs and school teams have priority on all town facilities, applicant will be contacted on any schedule changes.
35. No inflatable structures, dunking tanks, petting zoos, amusement rides or barbecues allowed in the park.
36. Parking allowed in designated areas only. No driving vehicles beyond the gate or in the park area.
37. Groups requesting field use are responsible to make sure all CDC guidelines are followed and procedures for the safety of the people participating in their activity.
38. Groups are responsible for any damage that occurs during use.
39. The Skowhegan Rec. Dept. reserves the right to cancel an event due to an emergency, weather, playing conditions, damage or for any reason for safety concerns.
40. If your team cancels practice or needs to change a reservation or for any questions please call the Skowhegan Community Center at (207) 474-6901 or Email [skowrec@skowhegan.org](mailto:skowrec@skowhegan.org)
41. Schedules, Guidelines and Procedures are subject to change.

