

Special Guidelines for the 2021 Season (Updated as of 3/24/2021)

- 1) Players are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to create additional seating for themselves around the bench area. Spectators are also encouraged to bring a lawn chair and to practice social distancing from the players and other fans.
- 2) It is recommended that players wear a mask before and after games. Masks are not required during the game. Players are welcome to wear a mask during game play, but it will not be required.
- 3) Players, including pitchers, will be allowed to (but not required to) wear a glove on their throwing hand while in the field on defense. A regular batting glove will likely limit your grip to throw, however something like a latex glove may provide a better grip.
- 4) To create more social distance space between the batter, catcher, and home plate umpire, we will use a mat for the strike zone this season. Any legal pitch that hits either the mat or the plate will be called a strike. Note that this means the plate will be called a strike this season. The catcher can then align themselves at an appropriate distance behind the batter. The umpire can then position themselves further behind the catcher or slightly off-center.
- 5) We will continue to gather for pre-game prayer, however, both teams will lineup along the baselines closest to their bench area and social distance themselves. The player who is offering the prayer should move closer to the area near the pitcher's mound so that other players from both teams can hear the prayer.
- 6) There will be no post-game handshake lines. Teams are encouraged to return to their own bench area and display good sportsmanship to the opposing team. Examples of this would be saying "nice game," tipping your cap, etc.
- 7) There will be hand sanitizing stations at both fields.