



## North Newark Little League/Newark RBI Return To Play Guidelines

The following guidelines will be put in place in an effort to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Virus and to insure the safest possible playing environment for our children and young adults as we return to play. All measures are in compliance to those recommended by the State of New Jersey and the City of Newark at this time. The League has implemented additional guidelines in an effort to enhance the overall safety of our community's participation in the Program. Additional guidelines or revisions to these guidelines may be implemented and noted in this document as they are deemed necessary. We thank all of you for your cooperation.

## General

- 1. Any individual (Parent, Player, Coach or Volunteer) who is sick (Cough, Fever. Flu or Cold like symptoms) will be asked to stay home. Any individual (Parent, Player, Coach or Volunteer) who has been exposed to someone who is COVID Positive must refrain from participation in any way for 14 days.
- 2. ONLY Players, Coaches, Umpires and Administrative Staff will be allowed in Kasberger Field for Games and Team Practices. As per CDC recommendations and those required by the City of Newark, Parents and Spectators will not be allowed in the park (Kasberger Field). Parents may watch from outside the field, but must be socially distanced (except immediate family groups) when they do so.
- 3. All individuals who are in the park (Kasberger Field) are required to wear face masks at all times.
- 4. All individuals who are in the park (Kasberger Field) must maintain the required 6 feet of social distance from each other. Family groups are exempt from this requirement in relation to one another.
  - A. All individuals who are participating in games on the softball or senior baseball fields will enter and exit Kasberger Field through the Third Avenue Gate.
  - B. All individuals who are participating in games on the Little League field will enter and exit Kasberger Field through the main gate located on the corner of North 5<sup>th</sup> St. and Third Avenue West.
- 5. Bathrooms will be closed for general use and will only be available for emergencies.
- 6. The Indoor training Building will be closed to all practice during this time.
- 7. The Press-Box will be closed during this time.
- 8. The Concession will be closed.
- 9. In order to reduce the number of people at the fields at any given time teams will not be allowed to schedule any practices at Kasberger Field or Schools Stadium (if available) that are not approved by the League.
- 10. The playground will be closed during this time.

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- 11. All trash must be disposed of in the Garbage Receptacles
- 12. Players must launder their uniforms after every game.

## **PLAY**

- 1. All players, coaches, umpires and volunteers will have their temperature taken upon their arrival to the park. Those with abnormal temperatures will not be allowed to participate and will be asked to leave Kasberger Field.
- 2. All Coaches, Umpires and Volunteers will wear face masks at all times.
- 3. Players will wear face masks when they are not on the field.
- 4. Players and Coaches will be social distanced in the dugouts and on the parents' benches directly behind or in proximity to that dugout. ONLY players will be allowed on the spectators benches behind or in proximity to the team dugout. NO ONE will be allowed behind the dugouts, cages and/or the additional team seating.
- 5. The Plate Umpire will be positioned behind the Pitcher's Mound.
- 6. Batting Helmets will not be shared (except by immediate family members). Players are to provide and use their own Batting Helmets.
- 7. Players using shared bats must wear batting gloves. The bats are to be wiped with disinfectant after each inning.
- 8. Each team will be given a bottle of Liquid Hand Sanitizer to be utilized by the players and coaches during the game. One of the Coaches from the team will be assigned the task of spraying the hands of the players and for the use of the sanitizer to disinfect shared equipment.
- 9. Catchers are encouraged to purchase their own equipment. If catchers gear must be shared it must be disinfected between use by different players.
- 10. Players who are not immediate family may not share batting or fielding gloves (exception- catcher's gloves).
- 11. Dugouts and benches will be disinfected before each game.
- 12. Each team will use a separate baseball/softball when they are playing defense. This will limit contact with the baseball/softball to only one team. The baseball/softball will be wiped with disinfecting solution after each inning.
- 13. There will be no food of any kind (including sunflower seeds) in the dugouts. Water bottles may not be shared.