

JLS Safety Guidelines for the 2020 Season

Should any one of these guidelines conflict with any rule in the JLS 2020 rulebook, the guidelines below will replace that rule for this season. **PLEASE REVIEW these guidelines carefully and if you have questions or if something is unclear, contact a league official prior to the beginning of the season.**

It is the responsibility of each coach to insure any players/parents/ spectators with his team follow these guidelines.

Guidelines :

- Balls & strikes will be called by the umpire 6 feet behind or to the side of the pitcher. We will still use two umpires in Reese A and all Koufax games.
- The umpires will not handle baseballs, the coaches are responsible for keeping game balls and throwing balls back to the pitcher.
- Umpires will not check player passes or birth certificates unless asked to check a specific player by a coach.
- No handshaking or personal contact celebrations.
- Spectators will not be allowed in bleachers or within 120 feet of the dugout (also no parents behind the backstop).
- Each player can only have one spectator/guardian (no children) at the field. The City & State are limiting the number of people to less than 100 (including officials, players and coaches) at the field. Each coach must enforce this or face discipline!
- Spectators must maintain 6 feet of distance from each other and wear masks while at the field.
- No sharing of drinks or snacks.
- Players must maintain 6 feet of distance and wear masks when not in the field of play.
- If dugout does not allow for 6 feet of distance between personnel, you must wear a mask and stand/sit out of play. Players should bring their own chairs to maintain 6' social distance when not in the game.
- No sharing of any equipment.
- Baseballs should be rotated and sanitized on a regular basis (ideally every inning) by each team.
- All personnel involved in pre-game meetings (including umpires) must maintain social distancing and wear a mask.
- No post game meetings are allowed. All teams will have 10-15 minutes to gather their equipment and vacate the area.
- No sunflower seeds, gum or spitting allowed.
- Teams must bring their own sanitizer and sanitize hands of all players and equipment before each game and in between each inning.
- If you are waiting to play the next game all team participants and parents must stay in their cars until the other teams have left the field and have entered the parking lot. Maintain social distancing at all times.
- Coaches must have their roster, players passes and birth certificates with them at all games.
- No lineup cards are to be exchanged. Coaches can text pictures of their line up to each other.
- No coach may enter the playing field for any reason without the consent of the umpires. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in an automatic ejection.
- Coaches, players, umpires and spectators are required to wear facial coverings and maintain social distancing of 6 feet from players, coaches, spectators, and other persons at all times. The only players not required to wear masks are defensive players on the field. Base runners, on deck hitter and batter must wear a mask.
- Individuals cannot congregate in common areas or parking lots following practices or games.
- All coaches are encouraged to sanitize as much and as often as possible. Safety should be our main concern at all times!