

Sun City Grand Softball Club



Softball Reopening Procedures

General Information:

- Procedures described below will be followed based on the approved/official opening per overall State Guidelines for ensuring safety of our players and spectators. They are subject to change at any time.
- Sun City Grand Softball Club Members Only. Players must be properly registered and dues current with a valid CAM card.
- Players will be required to abide by these Procedures or they will not be allowed to play. No exceptions. Club Code of Conduct rules are still in place and any confrontations or refusal to follow the rules can lead to disciplinary actions including suspensions.
- Social Distancing is defined as keeping at least 6 feet from each other.
- Players will be required to sign the Liability Waiver and Acknowledgment and Agreement available on the Sun City Grand website before being allowed to play. Players should print the email confirmation and bring it with them to the field. Paper copies of waivers will also be available at the field for signing. A list of players allowed to play will be provided to the commissioners/monitors (see below)
- Players must follow all CDC-recommended personal hygiene actions including: covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, and washing your hands with soap or alcohol as often as possible. **Note:** Please be sure not to cough or sneeze on or near any equipment, balls, or people. Also, limit any spitting on or off the field.

Enforcement / Monitor:

- Monitors will be assigned for each game. They will be identified by the Commissioners (as a Duty that is assigned and not selected by the player).
- The Commissioners will be on point for direction and escalation by the Monitors.
- The responsibilities of the Monitors include:
 - Enforcement of these Procedures.
 - Most infractions will be handled as one-off/side conversations and will usually be just warnings and/or reminders.
 - If there are repeated violations or complete refusal to comply with these Procedures, the player will be removed from the game and sent home.
- Any player that inappropriately confronts the Monitor and/or Commissioner over any violation and sent home will be subject to disciplinary actions including long term suspensions.
- Monitors and Commissioners will report the details of all violations to CAM.

Do Not Play/Stay Home:

- If you are exhibiting any illness, especially symptoms of COVID-19 (examples include: mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, coughing, difficulty breathing or other symptoms identified by the CDC).
- If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- If you are a vulnerable/high risk individual with serious underlying health conditions. (examples include: high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, or a compromised immune system, such as chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring therapy).
- It is each player's personal responsibility to ensure the safety of others.
- **Note:** If games are being played and you meet any of these conditions, notify your manager as soon as possible so a substitute can be found. If you are ill do not wait until the morning of the game – err on the side of caution and assume you will not be fully ready to play within a day of the scheduled game.

Social Contact before, during and after games – Including Masks:

- Players WILL wear face coverings over their nose and mouth when not on the field. When coming off the field they must be on before leaving the field. This includes the team batting until they are actually on the field to bat or waiting to bat as the on-deck batter.
- There will be a “no-contact, no-handshake policy” to be observed at every level of the organization until further notice. This includes all physical contact and extends to customary game-related activities, and includes post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams.
- Teams and Players must maintain social distancing before and after the game, and should do so during the game when possible.
- Social distancing will be observed by all players assigned to field setup and tear down.
- Spectators will not be allowed except in the grass/hill area beyond the outfield wall.
- Players will check in so Club can track everyone at the field and temperature will be taken (must be under 100.0 F or they will be sent home)

NOTE: Wearing a mask means covering both your nose and mouth.

- It is not wearing it so it covers your mouth but under your nose. It is not wearing it around your neck only. It is not wearing it by dangling off your ear. And it is not wearing it by having it in your pocket or on any other part of your body other than covering your nose and mouth. A bandana or a handkerchief are not acceptable.

Dugout:

- Maintain social distancing in and out of the dugout.
- Players will use the stands to maintain distancing, keeping a two seat separation in the same row, as well as between rows (example: if someone is sitting in the first seat in the first row, no one is allowed to sit in the second or third seat of that row nor the first three seats in the 2nd row).
- The 6 feet of the dugout bench closest to the gate to the field will be marked off and players not allowed to sit at any time. Use this area for the First Aid Kit, Defibrillator, etc.
- Players on the bench/in the dugout must not congregate, and must keep the appropriate distance from the gate to allow players coming off the field (i.e., just ran the bases and breathing heavily) space to enter and adhere to the proper social distancing.
- Between games, the Team that just played will quickly gather their equipment, water bottles, etc. and exit the dugout – no lingering. The Team that will play the next game will wait until the previous team completely leaves the dugout before entering.

The Game:

- A face covering over the nose and mouth will be mandatory for the Home Plate Umpire. The Umpire and Catcher will keep the appropriate social distancing from the batter. Providing a face covering will be the responsibility of the player/umpire - it will not be provided by the Club.
- A face covering is not required when playing on the field (offense or defense) except for the above related to the Home Plate Umpire.
- A new softball will be used for each game. The ball will be sanitized periodically each inning with towels and sanitizer provided by the Club.
- All players will use their own bats and gloves and should not share with other players.
- The batter that is In the Hole or a player assigned by the manager will be responsible for picking up the bat after it is used. They are requested to pick up the bat by the barrel and put it in the bat rack. Do not place in bat warmer. **Note:** The only one to touch the handle of the bat is the batter/owner of the bat and they can place in the bat warmer if desired.
- Players on the field will be properly spaced following social distancing guidelines. During action, close calls and collisions are inevitable. Players should try to avoid any and all collisions when running the bases, fielding balls, etc. Veer away from any other players even if that means you do not make the play.
- If a player is injured during the game, all players other than those that are immediately providing care are to keep the appropriate social distancing. Those providing care will be required to put on a face covering and gloves (from first aid kit). If possible, depending on the issue, put a face covering on the injured player.
- No more than two people in the score tower at any one time. The two shall maintain appropriate social distancing and use a face covering over their nose and mouth.
- Club-owned equipment to be used by the club (i.e., pitcher's mask, chest protectors) will still be available, but the player using it will be responsible for cleaning it with sanitizing spray or liquid before they use it and then after they are finished using it before returning it to the shed. We recommend players acquire their own equipment and not use the Club-owned equipment.
- When games are played, a designated scorekeeper will be assigned. The designated scorekeeper should not be someone playing, in order to limit the number of people touching the scorebook. A player/manager can keep his/her own scorebook, but they need to designate a non-playing scorekeeper to limit the people in contact with the scorebook. The scorekeeper if not on the field will be required to wear a mask.
- The misters can be used.
- The bathrooms will be open.
- The water fountains will not be available. Players must bring their own water bottles for their personal use.