

Traverse City Waves Summer Softball Tournament Series Return-To-Play Procedures

- Everyone at the game – whether on the field or off – must stay at least six feet away from each other at all times, except for players on the field when the ball is in play and families watching together in the stands.
- Spectators are asked to bring their own folding chairs. Bleacher seating will be very limited.
- There will be no concession stand on site. Please bring your own food and drink.
- Masks are strongly recommended for spectators.
- Game balls will be designated to each team for use while that team is playing defense.
- All equipment, including bats, gloves, and water bottles, should be used on only by their owner and kept separate from others' gear. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between uses.
- Water coolers and shared drinking stations are not allowed, nor is spitting or eating seeds, gum, and other similar products.
- Coaches and players must conduct self-evaluations before each game. Anyone who has symptoms of illness must not stay on site.
- Managers meeting at home plate prior to the game will be limited to one coach from each team. No players allowed.
- Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still able to perform their duty. In the younger divisions (10U and 12U), a single umpire may be positioned behind the pitcher.
- Vulnerable individuals will be requested to avoid attending the tournament as a spectator or participant (if applicable). "Vulnerable individuals" are defined by CDC as people age 65 years and older and others with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and those whose immune systems are compromised such as by chemotherapy for cancer and other conditions requiring such therapy.
- Spectators cannot go on the field or in the bench area, and they must stay at least six feet away from the backstop.
- **Only four girls are allowed in the covered dugout at one time.** Dugouts will be extended along the fence outside the playing field so that players can socially distance themselves. All players are asked to bring a folding chair to sit in while in the extended dugout area.
- Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the event or practice, and should not exchange items.
- Parents will be encouraged to supply their player with disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer for cleaning their hands and personal equipment between innings.
- Teams will be required to clean all trash from their dugout after their game and to spray down all hard surfaces with cleaning solution provided by the tournament organizers.
- Upon arriving at a dugout, teams will be required to spray down and disinfect all hard surfaces with cleaning solution. These last two steps will comply with CDC guidelines for a two-step cleaning process.
- Game organizers will maintain a complete list of coaches, players, and employees present at each event, as well as record the date, beginning and ending time of the event, plus name, address, and phone contact to be made available upon request from local health district.