

Guilderland Girls Softball League (GGSL)

COVID-19 Guidelines for Games, Scrimmages, and Tournament Play (Updated April 22, 2021)

In order to maintain a safe environment for our athletes, we are still required to take precautions to ensure play can continue this season. While this document is not all encompassing, personal judgement and common sense needs to be used by all. We ask that everyone visiting Keenholts Park abide by the guidelines we have put herein.

General:

- 1) If you have a fever, cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms (please check the [CDC website](#) for a complete list) – PLEASE STAY HOME!
- 2) If you or anyone in your household has tested positive for COVID-19 or been in contact with someone who has in the last 10 days – PLEASE STAY HOME!
- 3) Masks must be worn at all times when social distancing (6') cannot be maintained.
- 4) Concessions will be open during tournaments and some game days; Please follow their guidance for ordering and picking up food.
- 5) All players and coaches will be required to sign an Assumption of Risk/COVID-19 waiver form releasing the Town of Guilderland, GGSL, and manager/coaches before being allowed to utilize the fields at Keenholts Park. Waiver can be found on the GGSL website.

On the Field:

- 1) Teams are encouraged to utilize the fence line on the 1st and 3rd base sides. No spectators will be allowed in the designated team area. Pop-up canopies are allowed for team use only in this area.
- 2) All players will utilize one section of fencing, which is usually at least 6 feet between posts, along the outside of the dugout for their equipment as needed.
- 3) If teams chose to utilize dugouts for games, no more than three (3) people shall occupy a dugout at any time, and those in the dugout shall practice social distancing and/or have masks on.
- 4) Coaches are required to have facial masks / coverings on hand. Players are encouraged to bring their own as well. They are not required to be worn unless a situation requires contact closer than six (6) feet (First Aid, Injury, etc.).
- 5) No sharing of equipment is allowed.
- 6) All players and coaches should have their own water / drinks.
- 7) Players shall not be permitted to chew gum or eat / spit sunflower or other seeds.
- 8) Social distancing (6') must be maintained for all on field gatherings (e.g., pregame coach introductions, mound visits, etc.); **Coaches must wear facial mask / covering if social distancing (6') cannot be maintained on the field.**
- 9) Lineup cards are not required for scrimmages, league games, or pool play games; For elimination games, they should be exchanged electronically if possible, or only between scorekeepers.
- 10) At the end of the game, teams should line up on each baseline and offer 'good game', but no handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, etc. between teams (Be creative and have fun!)
- 11) Nothing should be left in the dugouts when you leave; please make sure everything is picked up and properly disposed of.

Off the Field:

- 1) It is the expectation that spectators should spread out along the outfield fence, following social distancing guidelines
- 2) However, bleachers marked with an "X" indicate that particular space is not to be used for seating. Spacing of acceptable seating spots will follow CDC and ACDOH guidelines and limits clumping or gathering. **We reserve the right to ask spectators to move from the bleachers if these guidelines are not met;** failure to comply will result in removal from the park.
- 3) There can be NO GATHERING or SITTING BEHIND THE BACKSTOP.
- 4) Hand sanitizer will be provided in bathrooms.
- 5) Parents will be encouraged to drop their players off at the park, but should they decide to stay to watch the softball activities, each family will be limited to two (2) spectators per player and utilize (1) section of fence along the outside perimeter of the fields as their social distance space, and will be encouraged to wear facial masks / coverings.
- 6) As per NYS guidelines, only 2 spectators per player are allowed (coaches are not considered spectators).
- 7) Pop-up canopies are ok **along the outfield fence only**, but no clusters (at least 6' between each tent) and only household members should share a tent.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!