

TCSSA GUIDELINES FOR THE RE-OPENING OF SENIOR SOFTBALL AT LANGFORD PARK

Because players 65 years or older fall into the highest at-risk group for contracting COVID-19, they are encouraged to stay home and not play. However, that is a personal decision.

If you choose to play in the pick-up games at Langford Park, here are the guidelines that must be followed:

1. Players **must show up at the field more than 15 minutes before batting practice**. Players should leave the area within 10 minutes after the conclusion of the game.
2. A record of all in attendance at a pick-up game (players and spectators) will be made, and we will have an emergency phone number to call should someone get sick at the field. Recording of attendance is required should we need to figure out who may have come in contact with a person with COVID-19. All players and spectators will have their temperatures taken prior to **entering the ball field area**. Any person with a temperature of 100.4 or above will be asked to leave.
3. Players will practice appropriate **social distancing** (a minimum of 10 feet apart) when sitting in the stands or standing outside of the fenced playing area. There will be no meetings before, during, or after the games. The dugouts will not be used, and players are prohibited from sitting or standing in them.
4. **Protective masks** shall be worn near other players and spectators. Masks will be available at the field.
5. Hand sanitizers will be provided on both the home and visitors' sides of the field, and the expectation is that all players will **sanitize their hands**.
6. The **game balls will be sanitized** between innings and at times during the game when possible.
7. **Players will be responsible for removing their bat** from the field of play after each at-bat. If a player reaches base, his bat will be put aside by the home plate umpire. After the inning is over, the owner of the bat will remove it from the field of play. Bats and gloves shall not be shared.

8. **During batting practice**, we will have a maximum of 13 players in the field, and players lined up to bat will be 10 feet apart. If we are unable to follow this guideline, batting practice will be canceled.
9. To ensure the safe and routine **sanitization of bleachers and all high-touch or common areas** before, during, and after practice and play, a person will be designated to take on this responsibility. We strongly encourage the obsessive use of hand sanitizers.
10. **Players shall not share** a water cooler and are encouraged to bring their water bottles **labeled with their names** to the field.
11. There shall be **no eating at the field**.
12. Any player **repeatedly coughing or showing signs of a cold** will be asked to leave the park.
 - a. We have several retired police officers and firemen among our players. If need be, they will examine the injured player and determine if an ambulance is needed.
 - b. This will be documented and reported to the emergency contact the effected player, Martin County Parks and Recreation (Dave Gladding), and to the Martin County Health Department. An ambulance will be called for all non-ambulatory players and those determined to be in distress.
13. The TCSSA guidelines have been emailed to all of our members before re-opening. ***If you have not received this email, please contact Davey Messner***, President of the TCSSA.
14. Players not complying with these guidelines will be asked to leave.
15. All COVID-19 concerns should be directed to Davey Messner.

All players understand that if any player is found to be in non-compliance with the **TCSSA GUIDELINES FOR THE RE-OPENING OF SENIOR SOFTBALL AT LANGFORD PARK** as described above at any time in the future, our field use privileges will be revoked. If they cannot comply, they will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to continue in the game.