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COVID-19 Plan for hosting the Fall Slam Slam & Haunted House Slam

Sept 12-13 & Oct 17-18, Rolf Park

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Responsible RestartOhio guidelines regarding baseball and softball, below are the additional steps we will take to facilitate a safe environment for our players, fans, coaches, and umpires. Responsible RestartGuidelines regarding Baseball, Softball, and Batting Cages can also be found posted to our website. We will follow all of the original Responsible RestartOhio guidelines with additions listed in the addendum to this document.

Arrival to the facility:

(Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines)

- *Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.*
- *All participants, spectators, and employees must adhere to six-foot physical distancing while at the facility.*
- *No team water coolers or shared drinking stations.*
- *Compliant game balls must be designated to each team for use while that team is playing defense. Game balls will be issued by the tournament director ONLY when the coach submits their daily "symptom free form". (See below)*
- *Prior to competitive tournaments, event owners must alert the local health department of the event.*
- *These requirements must be shared prior to the event with all players, coaches, spectators, officials, and employees prior to their arrival at the venue.*
- *Spectators must maintain 6 feet distance from the backstops.*
- *Spectators may not enter the player areas*
- *Strongly recommended to wear face coverings at all times.*
- *Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, is recommended strongly during the games.*
- *Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member of their immediate household.*



(Additional Measures)

- Dugouts are for coaches. Bleachers are for players. Spectators must provide their own seating and maintain a 6 foot distance, away from other families, down the sidelines or outfield.
- Spectator fees must be paid in advance.
- We will be utilizing 100% online checkin, roster submission, payment submission, etc... (See Coaches below)

Coaches:

(Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines)

- *Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.*
- *Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices.*
- *No touch rule – coaches should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A “tip the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.*
- *Must ensure that players are following COVID-19 -related prevention measures included herein.*
- *Wear face coverings at all times, except when on the field of play.*
- *Coaches should ensure the players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas and wearing face coverings while not actively participating on the field of play.*
- *Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.*

(Additional Measures)

- Coaches have received and must submit the following paperwork prior to arrival to the venue
 - COVID-19 Waiver, hand signed or digitally signed by each player (if 18 years old or older) or by player’s parent/legal guardian.
 - Contact Tracing form, via Excel document (emailed prior to arrival) or digitally collected using Google Docs.
 - Team Roster
 - Team Insurance
- Necessary forms or links to the appropriate Google Doc can be found on our website at <https://nwoladyirish.com/luck-of-the-irish-slam>



- Coaches must submit DAILY Symptom Free Forms, signed by the head coach, before receiving their game balls for the day.

Umpires:

(Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines)

- *Must conduct daily symptom assessments (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.*
- *Must adhere to six-foot social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.*
- *Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches, or spectators.*
- *Should wear face coverings at all times when not on the field of play.*
- *Digital check-in and registration for all events.*
- *Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the catcher while still able to perform their duty.*

Athletes:

(Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines)

- *Must conduct daily symptom assessments by coaches and players (self-evaluation). Anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.*
- *Must adhere to six foot social distancing practices off the field of play.*
- *Must not share water or equipment. Belongings should be used only by the individual owner or operator including, but not limited to water bottles, gloves, bats, hats, and other on- and off-field gear.*
- *No touch rule – players should refrain from high fives, handshake lines, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans. A “tip the cap” can be used following the game in lieu of the handshake line.*
- ~~Should~~ *Will wear face coverings at all times when not actively participating in the field of play.*
- *Hand washing or hand sanitizing, in the absence of soap and water, are strongly recommended for athletes during the games.*
- *Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and should not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitation should be administered between users.*



Leaving the Venue:

(Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines)

- *Umpires should adhere to social distancing practices when interacting with players, coaches, and spectators off the field of play.*
- *Individuals should not congregate in common areas or parking lot following the event or practice*
- *Individuals should not exchange items.*
- *Team meetings should occur virtually or over the phone rather than in a team huddle.*
- *Athletes are strongly recommended to travel to the venue alone or with a member(s) of their immediate household, if possible.*
- *Face coverings are strongly recommended for individuals traveling to and from the venue.*
- *Team meals should only occur in compliance with the guidelines issued for restaurants in the state of Ohio.*

Confirmed Cases:

(Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines)

- *Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms.*
- *Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.*
- *Organizer must maintain a complete list of coaches, players, and employees present at each event to include 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. Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/ notifications.*
- *Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures.*
- *Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.*

Additional Measures:

1. Our staff will provide one patrol at each quad of Rolf Park, plus one at Homecoming Park, to help enforce social distancing measures among players and spectators (parents, families, and fans). Repeated violations of social distancing measures would result in expulsion from the venue with no refund provided.



2. Hand Sanitizers will be available at each quad as well as in each restroom.
3. Restrooms will have access restricted to a limited number of people at a time. If waiting in line for the bathroom, the waiting must be done outside the facility. No congregating inside the bathroom while waiting.
4. The outfield fence openings will be utilized for teams entering the field of play. The dugout area will be used for teams to exit. This will create a traffic pattern that reduces overlap of participants.
5. We will schedule 15 minutes between games to allow ample time for exit and arrival without overlap.
6. We are scheduling in groups to reduce the amount of “waiting around” for the next game. On days teams play 3 games, they will be asked to exit the venue during their waiting period. Otherwise, as much as possible, teams will play 2 games back-to-back then be done for the day.
7. We will routinely sanitize bleacher and dugout areas where players and coaches will be.

The Responsible RestartOhio guidelines have been posted and numerous emails have already been sent to participants reminding them of the COVID-19 precautions required to participate. We believe we have addressed all areas required by the Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines, as well have implemented additional protocols to provide a safe environment for the event to run successfully. We expect to exceed the Ohio and Lucas County guidelines for our event.

Please contact Cory Bryan if you have any questions.



Cory Bryan
Director



Addendum A (27 Aug 2020):

- I. Coaches must (1) Participate in COVID-19 education developed for them by the Ohio Department of Health, and (2) Educate their players on how to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 using resources provided by the Ohio Department of Health.
- II. Coaches, volunteers, athletic trainers, and officials must wear face coverings at all times, and players must wear face coverings when not on the field or court of play, except for one of the reasons stated in the Director's Order for Facial Coverings throughout the State of Ohio signed July 23, 2020 (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Directors-Order-Facial-Coverings-throughout-State-Ohio.pdf>) or as it may there after be amended. Coaches and officials are not required to wear facial coverings when on the field of play during games and practices to allow the use of whistles.
- III. Spectators must wear face coverings at all times except for any of the allowable exceptions stated in the Director's Order for Facial Coverings through out the State of Ohio.
- IV. Six-foot social distance must be maintained between individuals except when necessary on the field or court of play. Players, coaches, and officials are not to physically contact each other before or after practice, pregame and competitive play (i.e. greetings, team huddles, high-fives, congregating, etc.). Limit time spent on activities where players are in close proximity for extended periods of time.
- V. Organizers of sports tournaments must follow applicable guidance for venues (including grandstands) in which the tournament is held.

We believe additional requirements not listed in the original plan has been listed in this addendum. However, the most up to date PDF found at the coronavirus.ohio.gov website will be listed and followed.