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COVID-19 Plan for hosting the Winter Slam Series and the Valentine's 50 & the Holiday Discount Tournament Series.

College Showcase: Nov 21-22, 2020; Winter Slam 1: Dec 5-6, 2020;
Valentine's 50: Feb 12-14, 2021; Winter Slam 2: Mar 27-28, 2021;
MLK Holiday Slam: Jan 18, 2021; Presidents Day: Feb 15, 2021

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 RestartOhio Guidelines 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*
- *Must wear face mask at all times upon entering and exiting the facility.*
- *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 and players. Spectators must provide their own seating and maintain a 6 foot distance, away from other families, down the sidelines beyond 3rd base or the outfield. See marked areas.
- We will be utilizing 100% online check-in, roster submission, payments, etc... (See Coaches below). There may be an in-person gate fee.

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.*
- *Must 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 and Contact Tracing forms are a combined document, digitally signed by each player (if 18 years old or older) or by player’s parent/legal guardian, via GoogleDocs.
 - Team Roster
 - Team Insurance
 - Necessary forms or links to the appropriate Google Doc can be found on our website at <https://nwoladyirish.com/winter-slam-showcase>



- 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.*
- *Must 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.*
- *Must 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 coming into and exiting 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 a patrol at The Dome to help enforce social distancing measures among players and spectators (parents, families, and fans) and mask compliance. Repeated violations of social distancing measures will result in expulsion from the venue with no refund provided.
2. Spectator, coaches, and players will be temperature checked upon entry each day.
3. Hand Sanitizers will be available as well as in each restroom.
4. 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.
5. The door on the east of the building will be for entry into the facility. The door on the south of the building will be for exit from the facility.
6. There will be no seating on the 3rd base sideline of field one. It must remain open for foot traffic. ALL seating will be around the outfield fence and/or past the 1st base or 3rd base sidelines in the outfield area (Except no seating on the 3rd base side of field 1).
7. Games will be scheduled in blocks to minimize overlap.
8. There will be a goal of 3 spectators per player. We have a little flexibility with this but very little. *(maximum of 135 spectators per facility at any one time)
9. Spectators MUST immediately leave the building after their team is done. Spectators for the next game will not be allowed into the building until their team's game time. Spectators may miss the beginning of a game.

We believe we have addressed all areas required by the Responsible RestartOhio Guidelines, complied with all current updates, as well have implemented additional protocols to provide a safe environment for the event to run successfully. We expect to exceed the Ohio and Wood County guidelines for our event. Please contact Cory Bryan if you have any questions.



Cory Bryan
Director



Addendum B (31 Jan 2021):

- I. Coaches, volunteers, athletic trainers, and officials must wear face coverings at all times, and players must wear face coverings when not on the field 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.
- II. 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.
- III. Six-foot social distance must be maintained between individuals except when necessary on the field 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.
- IV. Organizers of sports tournaments must follow applicable guidance for venues (including grandstands) in which the tournament is held.
- V. The Dome has one point of entry and one point of exit. The point of entry will be on the east side of the facility. The exit point will be on the south end of the dome.
- VI. The Dome has no fixed seating available. Therefore, the Health Department has limited admission to 135 people (target goal of 2.8 spectators per player. We'll round it to 3 and assume everybody won't bring 3, but a maximum of 135). Additionally families may set together, but we will require 6 feet between members of different families. Each team will be assigned tickets. Only spectators with tickets for the games currently being played will be allowed into the building.
- VII. The point of contact for all tournament items is Cory Bryan (419) 540-2136.