

City of Kelowna – Active Living & Culture
Slo-Pitch COVID Safety Guidelines
Updated Sep 13, 2021



Illness Protocol

- Do not come if:
 - You are ill, show any COVID symptoms (fever, chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, etc.) or are awaiting test results
 - If you have a positive test result, contact Public Health immediately so other user groups who were in close contact can be contacted
 - You have been around someone who is ill, presents COVID symptoms or is awaiting test results
 - You have been out of the country within the last 14 days
- If you begin to feel ill during the session:
 - Sick participants should wash/sanitizer their hands and self-isolate from the group. They will go straight home.
 - If the participant is severely ill, call 911. Clean and disinfect any surfaces that the ill person was in contact with.

Modifications

- Games have a 1 ½ hour time limit
- League games times will have 30 min break to allow for teams to transition on and off field of play and to reduce over-crowding:
 - All Mission and East Kelowna games begin at 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:45pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm
- 5 run rule max per inning (with the exception of the opening inning)

Personal Protection/Hygiene

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or into your elbow when coughing or sneezing
- Use hand sanitizer before, between each inning and upon completion of games (to be brought by participants)
- Do not spit or lick your fingers
- Wash your hands often
- Maintain a distance of 2 meters from others when not on the field of play
- Be mindful of common surfaces and limit touch points

Equipment

- The use of personal fitted batting gloves at all times is recommended
- The use of individual bats is recommended
- Each team will use their own balls when they are fielding (to be brought by participants)
- Balls/bats will be wiped with disinfectant before each inning (to be brought by participants)
- Bats will be picked up by the barrel, not handle, after and at bat. They will be disinfected after use.
- Please come dressed to play to minimize the use of washrooms/change rooms
- Bring your own water bottle

Spectators

- Spectators are limited to a maximum of 100 people for the entire softball complex

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Arrival/Departure at the Fields

- Arrive no more than 15 minutes before scheduled game time
- There will be absolutely no congregating at parks, facilities or parking areas before or after your game
- Immediately upon the completion of the game, all members will leave the diamond/park area
- Collect all garbage/recycling and place it in the appropriate bin after the game

Site Management

- Follow all on-site signage
- Follow the direction of on-site facility monitors
- Please wait in your vehicle until your diamond area has cleared
- Enter and exit through the designated access points
- There is a 12 person max per team/game
- Do not hangout under the patio area at Mission Softball Complex; it is a transition zone
- Water fountains are for filling water bottles only
- Socially distance from others while waiting in line at the concession area
- Food and beverage is expected to be consumed within each team's extended dugout area
- Touchless payment is recommended for food and beverage purchases

Before the Game

- Throwing warm-ups should be with member(s) of the same household when possible. Disinfect balls after.
- Ground rules shall be provided to team representative before the game (found at kelowna.ca/sports)

Social Distancing During the Game

- Social distancing of two meters will be adhered to off the field of play
- There will be a no contact, "no handshakes or high fiving"
- During batting, players will need to line up along the fence outside of the diamond spread out accordingly

Umpires & Scorekeeping

- There will be no exchange of lineup cards, teams will keep score with their own scorekeeping books
- It is suggested that the umpire utilize a small notepad for necessary game management
- Umpire conferences are to be kept to a minimum adhering to distancing requirements
- Umpires will provide further detailed ground rules on an as needed basis observing the necessary distancing before the game begins

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