

Safety Measures Added for T-Ball & Lil Minors Program

- All participants & spectators must adhere to six (6) foot social distancing guidelines.
- Players are NOT required to wear a mask during participation. We ask that coaches & parents have a mask with them in case a situation arises where social distancing cannot be maintained (i.e. player injury)
- Parent/Spectator - Each player should bring at least one parent or caregiver to each practice or game. This adult spectator will hold water bottles and other gear when not in use, act as the player “bench” when we take breaks, and assist the player with restroom use, hand cleaning, and other needs that may require close contact. We will provide a space that allows spectators to distance from each other. Parents/spectators will have a designated area to sit at most fields. All spectators must adhere to social distancing guidelines.
- Players must provide their own equipment for the season. This includes mitt/glove, helmet (season rental option), bat 25”, 26” usually appropriate for these age levels. This will reduce player contact with shared equipment.
- Catchers will not be used for any league. Coaches will act as the “catcher” to keep games moving while maintaining social distancing from the batter at the back of the backstop
- Balls will be provided for each team. The team on defense will use their balls for that half inning.
- No team water coolers or shared water bottles are allowed. All participants must bring their own snack/water bottle to use. No post game snacks unless provided by the participants’ own parent.
- Pre & post game meetings between coaches/players/parents must adhere to social distancing guidelines. Teams must refrain from team huddles and gathering after games/practices. Any talks with the kids must have the kids and coaches adhering to social distancing guidelines
- There will be no post game handshakes – a tip of the hat to show sportsmanship amongst teams will suffice.
- Coaches should refrain from giving players high fives
- No seeds, gum or spitting is allowed
- We recommend players wipe down their equipment with disinfecting wipes after each team meeting.
- Players should maintain social distancing and avoid contact with opponents and teammates unless caused as part of game play
- Coaches are asked to help ensure players are following social distancing guidelines
- Lil’ Minors baseball and softball will be scheduled 2 hours apart/ Minor and Major T-Ball will be scheduled 1.5 hours apart – Teams should arrive to their assigned field no earlier than 20 minutes before their scheduled game time.
- Participants, coaches, and spectators should perform self-evaluations and anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home. Full list of symptoms can be found [here](#)
- In the event a player, coach, or spectator experiences symptom of COVID-19 – please immediately isolate and seek medical care
- If a player, coach, or spectator does have a confirmed case, please notify the appropriate health officials as well as Huntley Park District staff.