

## New Albany Youth Baseball/Softball Addendum to State Guidelines

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New Albany Baseball and Softball is excited to offer our youth an opportunity to play ball and have some fun. We are implementing the below protocols to comply with the State of Ohio's Mandates and Best Practices for Baseball and Softball games at Bevelhymmer Park. We are a volunteer-run organization, and **we are counting on parents and family members to help us and the Coaches enforce these protocols**. Anyone who does not follow the protocols will be asked to leave the park. The health and safety of our players is of the utmost importance. We ask that everyone respect these protocols and do their part to ensure the health and safety of our players, coaches, umpires and fans and help promote a fun, successful season.

	New Albany Baseball/Softball Mandates	New Albany Baseball/Softball Best Practices
Arrival to Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If fields are occupied, pregame team warm ups to occur in the large fields (see picture below) until the prior game concludes and athletes/coaches/spectators vacate to the parking lot</li> <li>Dugouts occupancy will be limited to a maximum of 4 coaches/athletes</li> <li>Bleachers and dugout benches will be removed</li> <li>Players will bring their own chair to setup near the dugout</li> <li>No chairs in the dugout</li> <li>Coaches/parents to position player chairs according to 6-foot social distancing requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Designate a location for the scorekeepers to sit that is close to the umpire</li> </ul>
Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All NA rec and travel teams will be given disinfectant wipes, gloves and hand sanitizer with disinfectant spray available in the concession stand closets</li> <li>The "No Touch Rule" includes "hands-on" instruction</li> <li>Head Coach to assign someone to sanitize the balls with disinfectant spray or wipe immediately after one comes out of play (foul ball, ball out of play, between innings)</li> <li>Players are not to bring balls from home to practice or games, only league provided balls will be used</li> </ul>	

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Hi Everyone,

In accordance with the Governor's announcement that Youth Baseball can start May 26th, and based on the Survey you took last week, the New Albany Baseball and Softball Board has voted to allow New Albany Travel Baseball & Softball to move forward with our 2020 Baseball and Softball season!

There are multiple protocols needed to safely conduct practices/games. As a Board, we will be unable to enforce these mandates entirely on our own. We MUST have support from the Travel community to follow the protocols and help ensure others do the same.

The Board has pulled together protocols necessary to comply with the Ohio Responsible Restart Mandates. These protocols are outlined in the attached document "New Albany Youth BB and SB Addendum to State Guidelines". The information in this document will be used in conjunction with the [Ohio Mandates for Baseball and Softball](#) Guidelines. We have also created a Player Participation Waiver that you will need to complete for each player.

What You Need To Do:

- Please read the Ohio Mandates and NA Addendum carefully. We are counting on parents and family members to help us and the coaches enforce these protocols. The health and safety of our players is of the utmost importance. We ask that everyone respect these protocols and do their part to ensure the health and safety of our players, coaches, umpires and fans and help promote a fun, successful season.
- Complete the Player Participation Waiver.

We strongly encourage coaches to share our Addendum with opposing coaches prior to them traveling to Bevelhymmer, and just confirm that they too will adhere to our guidelines.

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Athletes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Each player should provide their own helmet, glove and bat</li> <li>Will issue helmets to NA rec league players who need one, these will be returned after the season. Contact your Head Coach/Commissioner if one is needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Players are encouraged to sanitize their helmets, gloves and bats after each game</li> <li>Players should write their names on their hats, water bottles, bats</li> </ul>
Spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioners and/or the Head Coach will assign a person per team per game to monitor adherence to these protocols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spectators should view games from the foul lines (past dugouts), wrapping around the outfield fence as needed.</li> <li>Families should limit the number of people in attendance at practices and/or games.</li> </ul>
Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rec league teams, where required, will be issued 2 pitching helmets with facemasks</li> <li>Pitching helmets will be sanitized by a Coach prior to use by another player</li> <li>The catcher will be eliminated for Prep Baseball and CPSB</li> <li>All other Baseball and KPSB Leagues will be given 1 set of catcher's equipment</li> <li>Catcher's gear will be sanitized by a Coach prior to use by another player</li> <li>The Head Coach will assign someone to retrieve the bat and return it to that players bag</li> <li>Each Head Coach will maintain a list of their players, coaches, scorekeeper, umpires and any parents who help with the team for every game (document in the scorebook)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Should an athlete get injured, Coaches shall assess injury while maintaining social distance guidelines where practical and request family member to the field when necessary.</li> <li>Pitching helmets assigned to specific players for each game</li> <li>No one shall use the catcher's gear other than the player to which it has been assigned for that game</li> </ul>
Umpires / Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Umpires can choose their location on the field with respect to the Ohio mandates</li> </ul>	
Leaving the Venue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No post game handshakes, game balls, or after-game snacks</li> <li>Coach to assign someone to regularly sanitize the dugout fence doors with a disinfectant spray or wipe</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Line up facing each other (10+ feet apart) and clap or tip your cap</li> </ul>
Confirmed Cases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An email will be sent to all parents if there is confirmation of the Covid19 virus from a player, coach or umpire</li> <li>For confirmed cases with a player's household member, consult a doctor regarding testing and work with the health department on communication to the league</li> <li>Details of confirmed cases will be kept confidential</li> <li>The league will suspend play until health department and the league feel it is safe to resume</li> <li>After a positive test, any Coach, player, umpire or volunteer must have a doctor's permission to return to the fields</li> <li>Players and coaches will follow the Ohio state requirements on travel out of state or the country</li> </ul>	

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