



# COVID-19 Safety Guidelines

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Hi, there!

Thanks for taking a moment to review these guidelines. We never thought we'd need to write a document like this but we're guessing you never thought you'd wear a mask in a grocery store either. Strange times indeed. As you read through this, please reach out with any comments, considerations or confusion. You may feel scared reading this. That's normal. We've had practice games with these measures in place and everyone playing has agreed it's really not that much different from what you're used to!

Okay, so what is the purpose of this document? Well, the Beehive Sport & Social Club COVID-19 Safety Guidelines include measures to ensure safety for all players upon restart of Beehive sports leagues. They do not replace restrictions outlined by state or local authorities. Rather, they contextualize and build upon state and local guidelines. They will evolve as the situation evolves. When they do, you'll be notified.

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## Social Distance and Player Contact

- *Things to keep in mind*
  - Salt Lake City and County Parks provide their own guidelines around numbers associated with group gatherings. They differ in some small ways. Adult sports vs. youth sports, number of people gathering etc. We have gone above and beyond to meet all requirements and then some.
  - Beehive Sports will continue to monitor local and state guidelines to maintain safety and comfortability for all sports leagues.
- **Leading up to play**
  - Captain's meeting will be held at home plate with 10ft distance between captains and referee.
  - Team benches will be on opposite sides of the fields.
  - Beehive Sports referees will squirt hand sanitizer in every player's hands before and after games. If you want to bring your own to use between innings, go for it.
  - Equipment will be sanitized sprayed by referees before and after games.
  - Beehive Sports will provide each individual with a Beehive buff that each player will be required to wear around their neck.
    - i. Individuals will be encouraged to utilize buff over their mouth and nose but will not be required if it compromises individual breathing.
  - Players arriving for games shall wait for and ensure players from previous games are not in the field of play.
  - Please let the referee pick up any and all game equipment at the end of the game.
- **During the game**
  - Please limit all unnecessary contact. Handshakes, high-fives, team huddles, etc.
- **After the game**
  - When you're done playing, grab your things and relocate to another part of the park to remove cleats, drink water and socialize.
  - We will not be encouraging people to go to sponsor bars this summer. Too many people, too little space. Instead bring a drink and socialize at the park. Keep 6ft distance while doing so, please.
  - Let the referee pick up any and all game equipment when the game is over.

**New Policies - ALL SPORTS**

- Referees will administer hand sanitizer at the start of games and after games have concluded.
- Equipment will be sprayed by referees before and after games.
- Some leagues will contain double headers to make up for lost time. Please double check your schedule, then triple check so you don't miss a game!
- Playoffs for each sport will showcase a new format for this spr/ummer season.
  - a. Regular season standings will determine playoff matchups.
  - b. Example: 1-seed vs. 2-seed, 3 vs. 4, 5 vs. 6, etc.
  - c. If you win your playoff game, your team wins prizes. Yay!

### **Staff Responsibilities**

- Referees will be required to wear face coverings and latex gloves at all times when on the field.
- Staff will keep an eye out for players exhibiting flu-like symptoms.
  - a. Individuals that appear to have flu-like symptoms will be asked to leave the field of play immediately and will be told they cannot return until they are feeling better.
- Staff will encourage all participants and spectators to maintain 10ft of distance between themselves and others when possible to do so.
- Staff will place captain's t-shirt bags 10ft away from one another so captains can grab team shorts and maintain distancing throughout.

### **Team Responsibilities**

- Captains will be asked by Beehive Staff to continuously check in with the team week to week to ensure the health of individuals on the team before they arrive to the fields.
  - a. Individuals feeling ill will be asked to stay home.
- Captains will be asked to position the team on opposing sidelines to maintain social distance between themselves and other teams.
- Captains will remind team players that unnecessary contact is not cool.

### **Individual Responsibilities**

- All individuals will be provided with Beehive buffs to place over mouth and nose.
  - a. For at least the first few weeks, players will be required to wear the buffs around their necks. Preferably on their faces.
- Individuals are not required but encouraged to wear gloves.
- Individuals should try to maintain social distancing of 10ft whenever possible.
- Individuals should avoid sharing drinks. Bring your own fluids to the field.

## **Event Procedures - SPECIFIC SPORTS**

## **Flag Football Return to Play Guidelines**

- Teams will use opposing side lines to maintain social distance.
  - a. Please do not huddle under trees with other teams.
  - b. Prepare by bringing your own canopy tents when possible.
- It is recommended that each individual wears gloves but it is not required.
- Beehive buffs will be required to be worn around the neck of each individual.
- Balls will be sanitized before, after, and at halftime of all games. Flags will be dunked in buckets containing water and sanitizing tablets to ensure they stay clean. Between weeks, flags will be put in a washing machine with bleach.

## **Softball Return to Play Guidelines**

- Softballs will be sanitized before and after each game.
- Catchers must stand 6ft behind the batter and on the opposite side of the referee.
- Referees must stand 6ft behind the batter and on the opposite side of the catcher.
- Referees will stand 6ft behind the batter.
- Pregame meetings at home plate will be conducted with the referee and team captain's standing 6ft away from one another.
- It is recommended that all players utilize their own equipment while playing, i.e. gloves, bats, balls, etc.

## **Sand Volleyball Return to Play Guidelines**

- Volleyballs will be sanitized before and after each game.
- Volleyballs will not be given to teams to practice with before games. Please bring your own practice balls.
- Teams will not switch sides throughout the course of a match to maintain social distancing.
- There should be no more than 10 people on any court at any given time.
- Pregame meetings will be conducted with the referee and team captain's standing 6ft away from one another.
- Teams shall stand on opposing ends of the court.

## **Soccer Return to Play Guidelines**

- Soccer Balls will be sanitized before and after each game.
- Soccer Balls will not be given to teams to practice before games. Please bring your own balls for practice.
- Teams will utilize opposing sidelines to maintain social distancing.
- Pregame meetings will be conducted with the referee and team captain's standing 6ft away from one another.
- Throw-ins will be eliminated this season. Instead of throwing the ball in, we will do Kick-Ins only. A kick-in shall be played no more than 10 yards. Use your best judgement.

### **Pickleball Return to Play Guidelines**

- Pickleballs will be sanitized before and after each game.
- Paddles will be sanitized before and after each game. Bring your own paddle if you want.
- Teams will not switch sides throughout the match to maintain social distancing.

### **Kickball Return to Play Guidelines**

- Kickballs will be sanitized before and after each game.
- Teams will utilize opposing sidelines to maintain social distancing.
- Safety bases will be used at all bases. Second and third bases will function as normal where a tag is needed for an out when applicable.
- Catchers must stand 6ft behind the kicker and on the opposite side of the referee.
- Referees must stand 6ft behind the kicker and on the opposite side of the catcher.
- Referees must stand 6ft behind the kicker whenever possible.
- Pregame meetings at home plate will be conducted with the referee and team captain's standing 6ft away from one another.

## **Basketball Return to Play Guidelines**

- Basketballs will be sanitized before, after, and at halftime of all games.
- Teams will stay apart from one another on sidelines when possible.
- Substitutions will be made from the team's sideline. Referees will ask for them and players will come from their bench not from the middle of the court.
- If possible, one person will be designated as a scorekeeper for the entire game.
- Scoreboard will be sanitized before, after, and at halftime of all games.
- Free throw differences. When a player shoots free throws, the lane will be empty just like a technical free throw. If a player misses a free throw, the opposing team will just take the ball out of bounds and there will be no rebound attempt.
- Referees will administer sanitizer to each player.

## **Cornhole Return to Play Guidelines**

- Games will be played at Liberty Park to encourage social distancing.
- Lanes will be separated by at least 10ft.
- Referees will sanitize bags and boards before and after each game.

## **If someone playing gets the Covid...**

- We will notify that person that they cannot play again for two weeks.
- We will notify that person's team that they should go get a test for Covid-19.
- We will notify the teams that person has played against in the last two week they should go get a Covid-19 test.
- We will notify the local health department and assist in any contact tracing they wish to do.