

2020 EPRD General Guidelines for all Youth Sports and Athletic Complex Conduct

We will be following the CDC directives, Governor's Executive Orders, plus KDHE, KRPA, and KSHSAA guidelines as resources for efforts to help ensure player, spectator, and staff safety during our youth programs.

- Please keep 6ft apart while in all common, sideline, and spectator areas. Masks, when not on the field, are strongly recommended for players and coaches. Masks, when not able to socially distance, are strongly recommended for spectators.
- All bleachers are closed until further notice.
- “BYOC” Bring Your Own Chair to the field. Set chairs to keep 6ft social distance. Please try and limit the number of spectators to two per player.
- “BYOW” Bring Your Own Water (and snacks). For now, all our water fountains are closed to keep you safe! No shared coolers or shared water bottles allowed.
- “Get Outta Here!” Now we love having you at the field, we just ask that you leave promptly after your game. No hanging around.
- “Keep your hands to yourself!” We love to give high fives after a big score or shake hands after a great game, but for now we must refrain. We suggest lining up teams across from each other and giving a round of applause. Verbal positive praise highly encouraged!
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the fields. However, players and teams will need to bring their own for their sideline.
- Teams will utilize both sidelines to separate from others. Sideline area should be socially distanced when players are not on the field.
- “Are you sick? Stay Home!” We ask that if you do not feel up to par, have a fever, or if you are experiencing COVID19 symptoms, please stay home. If you have recently tested positive for COVID19, we ask that you do not come to a park until you have been cleared by a doctor or have had no symptoms for 3 days. We also ask that if someone on your team has recently played in a game and has tested positive for COVID19, notify Parks and Rec officials immediately.
- NO spitting. Spitting will result in automatic removal from the field.
- Frequency of cleaning at the facility has been increased however there is no guarantee that surfaces are sanitized. This includes picnic tables and playground equipment.
- Equipment, such as soccer balls, will be sanitized before, at halftime, and after each game.
- All players and spectators should accept personal responsibility for public health guidelines.

Practice Guidelines

- Prior to every workout, practice or game, check for virus signs/symptoms. Parents must not allow children to participate in any activity if they've shown virus signs or symptoms or have possibly been exposed to the virus in the past 14 days.
- Set-up a designated drop off and pick-up location to promote social distancing.
- Please try and limit the number of spectators at practice to 1-2 per player. Parents/guardians are encouraged to stay in their vehicle during practice. If a need arises that the parent/guardian should exit the vehicle, it is highly recommended that they wear a mask or face covering.
- Set-up an area where players can leave their personal items 6 feet apart. Players should clearly label their water bottles and other personal items.
- Players and coaches should sanitize their hands upon arrival and throughout practice.
- Assign small groups for practice drills. Have stations for drills set-up for those small groups to rotate through during the course of the practices.
- Players should maintain proper social distancing while in their groups and waiting for drills.
- Sanitize shared use equipment as much as possible between drills.
- Coaches, volunteers, and on-field personnel working directly with the players are highly encouraged to wear a mask or face coverings.
- Players, coaches, and volunteers who are considered at high-risk for COVID-19 by CDC standards ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) should not participate in practices or games.

Game Specific Guidelines

- Teams are to warmup in a separate area than the game field or surrounding area.
- “Stay Back.” Players and coaches should keep proper distance with staff, officials, and players at all times, including check-in, during and after the game, etc.
- Teams will not meet at midfield after the games, rather we prefer lining up across the field and giving a round of applause for respect and sportsmanship. No handshakes, high fives, hugs, chest bumps or similar contact allowed.
- Teams are not allowed to have team meetings on the game field after the games. Please leave the area as soon as possible. Any team meetings at halftime need to be properly distanced.
- We will be adding 15 extra minutes between games to allow for safe entry and exit.
- Teams will need to provide hand sanitizer for their team at each game. Frequent use is encouraged, especially when coming into and out of the game.
- Each team will have a separate sideline and be properly distanced from each other, and spectators.
- Please try and limit the number of spectators to two per player.
- All spectators are expected to bring their own chairs and spread out socially distanced of 6ft or more around the field and away from teams.
- All spectators are highly encouraged to wear mask or face coverings while at the complex/field.
- Any spectators who are considered at high-risk for COVID-19 by CDC standards (cdc.gov) should not attend games.
- Frequency of cleaning at the facility has been increased however there is no guarantee that surfaces are sanitized. This includes picnic tables and playground equipment.
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These are most unusual times that have affected all parts of our lives and the way we do things. We also realize that things are ever-changing, and we must be prepared to adjust as we move forward. We appreciate everyone's cooperation to make everything as safe as possible. Together we can help end COVID19 and get back to a world with less guidelines.

-The Eudora Parks and Recreation Department