



RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES FOR GAMES, PRACTICES OR OTHER EVENTS *Updated 9/2/2020*

In conjunction with Governor Hogan's *Maryland Strong Roadmap to Recovery*, and in consultation with the Anne Arundel County Health Officer, the Department of Recreation and Parks has developed a plan for recreational opportunities and public facilities. The following are **GUIDELINES** for Recreation and Parks Facilities and/or programs operating under a permit issued by Anne Arundel County Recreation & Parks Department.

GENERAL PROTOCOLS:

Participation in Recreation & Parks programs is only allowed if you have had no signs or symptoms of COVID-19, and you have not been exposed to someone who has had signs or symptoms of COVID-19 for a minimum period of 14 days before participation. If you have had a positive test for COVID-19, you must be cleared from isolation by the Health Department to resume participation.

- Participation in programs requires a signed Anne Arundel County COVID Waiver Form;
- If you are sick or feel sick, you should remain home;
- Temperature checks should be done before going to games/practice for players, volunteers and coaches;
- **Masks are required in all areas except** when on the field of play:
 - Masks are not required for players and officials while on the field of play, but are recommended
- **Masks are required** by all volunteers and spectators not on the playing field. A representative from each team will be asked to ensure Social Distancing and Return to Play Guidelines are followed;
- A list of players who attend each practice and game should be kept and will be requested if someone test positive for COVID-19. If a team member does test positive the organization must contact the Health Department at 410-222-7095 or 443-481-3140.
- Hand sanitizer should be available at all activities;
- Assign an area for each player to place their equipment;
- No sharing of drink bottles or any personal equipment;
- No centralized hydration or refreshment areas;
- No more than two (2) adult spectators per player at events;
- Participants should refrain from handshakes, huddles and high fives;
- Tents are **not** permitted with the exception of **medical** tents;
- At the conclusion of your team's game we are asking all players, coaches and spectators to quickly exit the field to create space for the next teams scheduled to play;
- Restrooms should be made available at most sites. Port-a-pots may also be available at sites.

It is the responsibility of all facility users to follow the above recommendations. Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in cancellation of game/practice/permit and/or removal from County property.

DISCIPLINE: The following will be the disciplinary action taken by Recreation & Parks for violations of the above guidelines. These actions could be taken against an Organization or team depending on the nature of the violation.

1st Issue/Violation:

- Organization/team is issued a formal warning.
- Organization must submit written confirmation that rules will be followed and action plan to ensure compliance going forward.

2nd Issue/Violation:

- Organization/team is suspended for one week from games and practices.

3rd Issue/Violation:

- Organization/team's season is over.

Please note that Recreation & Parks has the authority to cancel, suspend or deny all permitted use of Anne Arundel County property if an organization/team fails to comply with the guidelines.

SPORT SPECIFIC GUIDELINES: *Please observe all of the General Protocols along with the following for each particular sport.*

We ask that ALL organizations assist us with enforcement of these new requirement for a successful season.

Football:

- Anticipated season start September 23, 2020
- The season will be reduced to six (6) game season and with a modified play-off format where we will not allow several teams to be gathered in one venue.
- No tournaments, scrimmages or games with teams outside of our league
- Spectators are limited to two per participant.
- Teams and spectators must exit fields immediately after games.
- Additional time will be scheduled between games to discourage athletes and spectators from lingering after games.
- Mask wearing and social distancing measures will be enforced for everyone not in the field of play or on sidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and regular cleaning of restrooms and concession stands is required.

Soccer:

- Game play begins on or about September 11, 2020
- There will be no Arundel Cup Tournament
- Spectators are limited to two per participant.
- Teams and spectators must exit fields immediately after games.
- Additional time will be scheduled between games to discourage athletes and spectators from lingering after games.

- Mask wearing and social distancing measures will be enforced for everyone not in the field of play or on sidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and regular cleaning of restrooms and concession stands is required.

Field Hockey:

- Game play begins on or about September 26, 2020
- Limit the number of games per site
- Spectators are limited to two per participant.
- Teams and spectators must exit fields immediately after games.
- Additional time will be scheduled between games to discourage athletes and spectators from lingering after games.
- Mask wearing and social distancing measures will be enforced for everyone not in the field of play or on sidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and regular cleaning of restrooms and concession stands is required.

Cheerleading:

- Practices, drills and conditioning are authorized
- Spectators are limited to two per participant.
- Teams and spectators must exit fields/areas immediately after games/events.
- Additional time will be scheduled between games to discourage athletes and spectators from lingering after games.
- Mask wearing and social distancing measures will be enforced for everyone not in the field of play or on sidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and regular cleaning of restrooms and concession stands is required.

Lacrosse

- Limit the number of games per site
- Spectators are limited to two per participant.
- Teams and spectators must exit fields immediately after games.
- Additional time will be scheduled between games to discourage athletes and spectators from lingering after games.
- Mask wearing and social distancing measures will be enforced for everyone not in the field of play or on sidelines.
- Hand sanitizer and regular cleaning of restrooms and concession stands is required.

Baseball/Softball

- Limit the number of games per site
- Spectators are limited to two per participant.
- Teams and spectators must exit fields immediately after games.
- Additional time will be scheduled between games to discourage athletes and spectators from lingering after games.
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- Hand sanitizer and regular cleaning of restrooms and concession stands is required.