



Alpharetta Youth Baseball Association

Subject: AYBA Return to Play Guidelines (PARENTS & CHILDREN)

Date: May 10, 2020

Purpose: Define the procedures and requirements to play Baseball safely in the AYBA program with COVID-19.

AYBA and the City of Alpharetta is working hard to provide a safe place for your child to play Baseball but in order to do this, it requires you and your family to read and understand the requirements and practice common sense for this process to work. You have to be accountable and take responsibility for you and your family members to keep others safe and healthy.

All parents must acknowledge this process in order for their child or children to play baseball at AYBA in Alpharetta GA. If you do not agree, then you will not be allowed to participate in AYBA baseball events. This document is posted on the AYBA website at <http://www.wpyba.org/documents/forms.html>

This document must be turned in at the Evaluations check in desk or given to your coach at your first practice or event or you will not be allowed to participate, no exceptions.

Everyone's Responsibility:

1. Wash your hands as defined by the CDC
2. Use hand sanitizer when you don't have soap and water
3. Don't touch your face
4. If you're sick, have runny nose, fever or any other sick feeling, STAY HOME (This is not optional)
5. Disinfect your child's helmet, bat and glove after each game and practice with proper cleaner
6. Follow and reinforce the "NO Touch" policy (Defined below)
7. Stay 6ft away from one another and avoid congregating in small areas
8. Follow the guidelines of this document
9. No gum or seeds allowed on any field for practices or games

Coaches Responsibility:

1. Will not have team huddles where the team is close to one another, only group meetings where the kids are spread out a few feet from one another.
2. Will ensure the kids are spread out in the dugout and players bags (if applicable) are spread out every 6ft. inside and outside the dugout.
3. Will ensure there is no high-fives or handshakes within team members.
4. Will talk with the players about proper responsibilities during these careful times of COVID19 on a regular basis, first, second and third practice and again every couple practices and games to ensure the policies stay top of mind.
5. End of game sportsmanship handshake is not allowed, instead, each team will line up on their closest base line, 1st or 3rd base spread out and will cheer; 1-2-3 Good Game!
6. The City has set up Hand Sanitizing stations throughout the park, coaches should remind parents to send hand sanitizer with their kids to practices and games and ensure the kids use it couple times during their event to promote a healthy zone.
7. Communicate with Parents regularly to ensure their child knows what is expected of them as listed in this document and for Parents to maintain 6ft distance from one another while watching the event.
8. Will enforce the AYBA "No Touch" policy.

Players Responsibility:

1. Do not bring Gum or Seeds to any field for practices or games.
2. Will Not come to the fields or event if they feel sick, have a fever, runny nose or not feeling well.
3. Refrain from touching their face during baseball events.
4. Not share their baseball equipment with other players or borrow someone else's equipment.
5. Will keep their property, equipment, hats with their baseball bag or bucket and not laying around the dugout.



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6. Will label their hat and mitt with their name so they can easily identify it and prevent kids from touching other player's equipment and hats.
7. Not touch other players unless it is a play where they are required to.
8. Use hand sanitizer when possible during the event, provided by the coach or brought by themselves.
9. Wash hands before and after practice, following CDC guidelines.
10. Maintain safe distances from other players while in the dugout.
11. Will not give other players or coaches high-fives, fist bumps or handshakes while at any baseball event.
12. Will not do team huddles.
13. Will not do end of game handshakes.

Your Coach has been provided with this "No Touch" policy and asked that you do your part in making sure your child understands it and will abide by it effective immediately at practices and games. The "No Touch" policy and the detail of this document are all commonsense items we all need to practice and support.

"No-Touch" policy for practices and games to include all players, coaches, and umpires.

- **Practices:**
 - No team cheers where you put your hands in together, instead do it as a group by chanting and/or yelling, no touching or stacking hands and remain distanced from one another
 - Coaches to do drills in groups of 3 or 4 spread across the fields
 - Dugout space, players remain properly distanced and no touching each other
- **Games:**
 - Game time Home Plate meeting: at the home plate coaches meeting, please do not greet each other with the traditional handshake, instead just say Hi, no touching
 - Game Time: do not do the team huddle chants with hands in and instead just circle up and do your chant with no hands in, maintain proper distance in team meetings
 - Game Time: when someone hits a home run, hits an RBI or anything where the team would normally come out to high five the player, refrain from this and have the team players chant or yell great job
 - Game Time; at the end of the game teams should line up on the base path closest to their dugout spread out appropriately and Cheer 1-2-3 Good Game all together, no handshakes, fist bumps or high fives where touching is involved
- **Miscellaneous Items:**
 - Bats: Don't let kids share bats, they should have their own and use their own bat during this period
 - Catchers gear: we are working on providing disinfectant to spray on the gear when it is shared among the kids. For now, try to only have one kid catch that must use the AYBA provided catching gear or if you have Lysol or Bleach wipes, please wipe down the catcher's mask
 - Parents, maintain proper distancing from other parents/people while watching the baseball event

If we all practice these items and common sense, take responsibility for our families, we will maintain a safe environment to continue to play Baseball.

I have read this AYBA COVID19 Pandemic Policies document and fully understand its requirements. I have properly communicated these requirements with my child (children) so they understand their responsibilities. I am signing this document voluntarily and understand if I do not sign the document, my child/children will not be allowed to participate in AYBA baseball events.

Print Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Print Children Names: _____

Signature Parent/Guardian: _____

Date Signed: _____
