



RETURN TO PLAY

TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES

Welcome back to Baseball Heaven! As we return to play, our Kids First philosophy extends out to everyone who visits our facility. Our priority is ensuring the health and safety of our athletes, families, friends, coaches, officials and staff members. In order to accomplish this, everyone must do their part to return to play responsibly by learning and following our new ground rules.

THE COMMON FIVE

- **Hand Washing** – We recommend you wash your hands often, and when soap and water is not available, we have hand sanitizer placed throughout the facility for your frequent use.
- **Social Distancing** – Please always maintain at least 6 feet between you and others, following all posted signage throughout the facility.
- **Face Coverings** – We recommend all guests to wear masks or face coverings while outside the field of play and where social distancing practices cannot be maintained.
- **Cleaning & Disinfecting** – Please be patient as our staff performs more frequent cleaning and disinfecting. Help do your part by keeping your area clean and disposing of trash.
- **Health Monitoring** – Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should **STAY HOME** and contact a local health care facility immediately. **STAY HOME IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL!**

BASEBALL HEAVEN STAFF

- Every Baseball Heaven staff member is health screened daily with temperature checks before entering the facility.
- Staff members have been trained to properly use PPE (Personal Protection Equipment), including masks/face coverings and gloves, while at the facility and assisting customers.

ENTERING & EXITING THE FACILITY

- Only two (2) patrons per child are allowed into the facility.
- All patrons must wear masks when entering and exiting the facility and wherever social distancing cannot be achieved.
- Please bring your own seating as some of the field side seating, outdoor tables and other dining area seating will be closed or limited. Please observe all social distancing rules.
- Baseball Heaven will have signs posted throughout with regards to face coverings (ex. Cover nose and mouth), proper hand hygiene, cough etiquette, social distancing, symptom reporting and markings on walkways directing patron foot traffic.
- Hand sanitizing stations are located by each set of fields and throughout the facility. However, all patrons or families are encouraged to bring personal hand sanitizer.



SCHEDULING

- Tournament schedules and information will be communicated digitally through the Baseball Heaven app available on Apple and Android, social media, email and BaseballHeavenLI.com.
- Game start times will be staggered, and we recommend teams not arrive more than 45 minutes prior to game time. There will be 20 minutes in between each game to allow the maintenance staff to clean and disinfect each dugout.

PRE-GAME

- Home plate meetings will be limited to the umpire and one (1) coach from each team. All must practice social distancing.
- Baseballs will be designated to each team. Each team will use their own supplied baseballs while on defense.
- Teams should use their own set of baseballs or softballs for warm-up.
- Bat bags must be placed inside the bullpen either on the ground or on the fence, six ft apart.

DURING THE GAME

- Dugouts will be expanded, and we ask for your cooperation while practicing social distancing. Everyone's safety is our primary concern.
- Seating behind home plate will be closed. We encourage patrons to bring personal chairs.
- Participants (including umpires) inside the field of play are not required to wear a mask or face covering but may do so as desired. Outside the field of play, masks or face coverings must be worn by individuals not directly engaged in the game where social distancing can't be achieved.
- The home plate umpire will stand behind the pitcher's mound (socially distanced from pitcher) in order to call balls and strikes. Umpires are encouraged to keep a safe distance from players and coaches as much as possible.
- Base coaches should stay socially distanced from base runners and others as much as possible.
- Baseballs will be rotated out as frequently as possible or will be disinfected between innings.
- Foul balls and home run balls will not be returned to play until disinfected by a staff member.
- NO team meetings at the mound. Only one (1) coach may visit, and a mask or face covering is required.
- NO sharing of equipment. If equipment (such as catcher's gear) is shared, a coach must properly disinfect the equipment prior to the next participant's use.
- NO sharing of water, and there will be NO community water cooler in the dugouts. Parents should send their player(s) with a personal water bottle, labeled or marked with their name.
- Teams should not share any snacks or food. If needed, players should bring individual, pre-packaged food.
- NO sunflower seeds, peanuts in the shell or gum allowed in the facility.
- NO spitting inside the facility.
- NO high 5s and handshaking.



POST-GAME

- In lieu of traditional handshaking lines, each team will line up on their respective foul line, tip their caps to the opposing team, the umpires and then to the fans.
- Trophies will be distributed to the head coach. No trophy presentations until further notice.

BASEBALL HEAVEN AMENITIES

- Please remember: **Baseball Heaven is a CASHLESS FACILITY! We accept all major credit cards, debit cards, Apple/Android Pay and Tap Pay.**
- The Tommy Lasorda Baseball Café will be open. Cashless payments only. All social distancing guidelines must be followed. Masks or face coverings are required to enter the building. There will be NO indoor seating. Outdoor seating will be available with social distancing rules observed. Restrooms inside the Café will be closed to the public until further notice.
- Concessions will be open. Cashless payments only. All social distancing guidelines must be followed.
- Four (4) outdoor soft-toss cages (within two tunnels) next to Field 5 will be available on a first come, first served basis. Please maintain social distancing! Do not congregate in this area!
- Batting cages and warm-up areas in the indoor facility will be closed until further notice.
- Pro shop will be open. Cashless payments only. All social distancing guidelines must be followed. Masks or face coverings required. No returns.
- Outside restrooms will be open. There will be a two (2) person limit in all restrooms. Please observe proper handwashing procedures before leaving the restroom. Disinfectant will be available in each restroom stall.
- Restrooms will be checked regularly where faucets, sinks and toilets will be cleaned with a disinfectant solution. All soaps, sanitizer and paper products will be checked and refilled as needed.

GOING FORWARD

- Throughout the season as guidance changes our Return to Play policies will evolve. Any changes will be communicated in advance.

PLEASE REMEMBER: KIDS FIRST!

Our young athletes have been looking forward to returning to competitive play with their friends and peers. Our philosophy is Kids First, and we hope yours will be too. Let's all work together to ensure the game is safe and fun for everyone, especially our kids.

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