



Date: June 3, 2020

Subject: Recreation Sports, Softball & Baseball begins June 8th

It is with great pleasure Sulphur Parks and Recreation will begin practices for recreation league play on Monday, June 8, 2020. As always, our top priority continues to be the safety of our guests and staff. **Registered participants who wish to no longer play and want to drop from teams for the 2020 season please contact SPAR Sports Department by calling (337) 527-2500 by Thursday, June 4, 2020**

Everyone is asked to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like Covid-19 by continuing to follow the recommended guidelines outlined by the CDC:

- If you are sick with Covid-19, were recently exposed to someone with Covid-19, or just don't feel well, do not visit public areas including parks or recreation facilities
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the restroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Bring hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol to use when hand washing is not available.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth
- When in public, wear a cloth face covering over your nose and mouth
- Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from other people.

Sulphur Parks and Recreation will make the following changes to our procedures and our outdoor softball and baseball facilities to assist with the prevention of the spread of the COVID-19 virus:

- Contact surfaces in areas like dugouts and restrooms will be sanitized regularly
- Disinfecting supplies will be provided to each team for equipment sanitization
- Fewer fields at a complex will be utilized for games and practices to decrease the number of people within a park at one time
- Staff with regular public contact will be wearing masks and/or gloves
- Entrances/exits will be clearly divided to create flow and encourage social distancing
- Hand sanitizer dispensers will be available at concession stands
- Bleachers will be unavailable in some complexes. Personal chairs brought from home and placed along the sideline will be encouraged
- Only teams and one coach will be permitted inside the dugout. Team moms and other coaches remain outside of the dugout to promote social distancing
- Teams waiting to enter a dugout will be asked to wait behind the dugout in a single file line. They should not crowd the existing team or enter before the other team has taken equipment out of the dugout.
- Post-game sportsmanship will be encouraged through non-contact ways (i.e. waving, tipping caps, or cheers). Avoid handshakes or high fives at the end of the game
- There will be adjustments to rules and umpire positioning to assist with social distancing efforts (i.e. umpires may call from behind pitchers rather than plate, etc.)
- Scorekeeper tables will be only for scorekeepers. No spectators, employees, or umpires allowed to sit within 6 feet of the table.

There may be additional precautions and adjustments as we continue monitoring the Louisiana Open Safely and CDC guidelines. We recognize the importance of youth sports as part of the culture in Sulphur and Southwest Louisiana. When youth sports activities resume our primary focus remains on the safety and well-being of the residents. Updates will be posted on our website www.sulphurparks.com

Stay safe and healthy!

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