

SSUSA Pandemic Rules:

Players and guests MUST wear masks and socially distance in the park. In the field, catchers and base coaches must wear masks. Any player or guest who refuses to follow these safety rules will be ejected from the complex for the good of everyone else in the park.

SSUSA Pandemic Rules and Equipment:

- SSUSA Directors and umpires wear either face shields or face masks.
- Players, spectators and officials need to provide their own personal water.
- Umpires will use disinfectant spray and rags to clean and wipe off the balls every half-inning.

Social Contact before, during and after games:

- There will be a “no-contact, no-handshake policy” to be observed at every level of the organization until further notice. This includes all physical contact and extends to customary game-related activities, such as umpire-coach introductions, and post-game handshakes between members of opposing teams. Instead, staff, players and coaches should verbally “good game,” without shaking hands, high-fiving or fist-bumping.
- Players will be expected to maintain social distancing before and after the game – and during the game when possible.
- Managers will be responsible for keeping any sick players or players in quarantine out of the tournament.
- Spectators will be required to maintain social distancing and wear face coverings during the tournament.

Dugout:

- Players will be required to separate and wear face coverings in the dugout if they cannot keep 6 feet of separation from other players.
- Players will NOT be allowed to spread out on the field of play because of the inherent danger of being hit by a foul ball.
- When one team leaves the dugout, the next team will need to wait until all players have exited, then enter.
- The team leaving the dugout will need to police the dugout and get rid of trash, especially empty drinking containers.

The Game:

- It will be mandatory for catchers to wear a covering over their nose and mouth.
- Players are required to wear masks when in the dugouts and off the field.
- Umpires will be provided with spray disinfectant and rags to wipe balls off between each half-inning and when requested.
- The on-deck batter or a player assigned by the offensive team will wear a batting or other glove and be responsible for picking up the bat after it is used.
- We will NOT be supplying community water jugs for obvious reasons until the pandemic is over. Players will need to supply their own individual water.

- As supplies are available, we will be selling FDA approved Hand Sanitizers and gaiters for players who want to buy them.

Personal hygiene:

- **Most important:** Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose – with a tissue, if possible – when coughing or sneezing, then properly discard the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid close contact with anyone else who is coughing or sneezing or who is otherwise sick. People who exhibit COVID-19 symptoms will be asked to leave the park.
- Wash your hands often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds each time.
- If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Awards:

- **RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE FOR AWARDS TO MAINTAIN DISTANCING:** Line the first and second place teams on the foul lines, with the first player on the line, second player back 6 feet, next player on the line, etc. Hand awards to manager, do not hand them out individually and **do not shake hands**.