



FALL 2021

CASCADE VISTA COVID PROTOCOLS

PURPOSE

To keep people safe and in compliance with the 8/11/2021 Washington State ["K-12 COVID-19 Requirements"](#)

TEAM MASK POLICY

- Masks are HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for all coaches and players when in close proximity or NOT actively competing in a game (i.e., on the bench, in the dugout, etc.)
- Players may remove masks on the field when actively participating (i.e., at bat, on base, or playing a position). The league encourages players to keep their mask pulled down when in the field to make it easy to put on when going to the dugout. At a minimum, masks should be kept in the back pocket while on the field.
- Players may remove masks when drinking or if breathing is restricted.
- Coaches, managers, and team leaders will always LEAD and set the tone for the mask policy.

SPECTATOR MASK POLICY

- Masks are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED for all spectators, regardless of vaccination status, at all times. Non-family member groups should maintain appropriate physical distance of 3'0".
- Spectators are required to follow all state and local requirements for COVID protocols.

PRE-GAME

- Alert your players and families that anyone feeling sick SHOULD STAY HOME. In addition, if anyone (player, coach, parent, etc.) has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days, has been running a fever in the last 48-hours, or has been in contact, with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 they MUST leave the premises.
- Players and coaches may not enter the playfield until the start of the field reservation, and no equipment can be brought to the field until the start of the field reservation. Waiting on the sidelines prior to the start of the field reservation is not allowed. Reservations should include 45 minutes of pregame warm-ups prior to game time.
- Players will have access to hand sanitizer for all practices and games.
- Upon arrival, coach/team rep is responsible for the following:
 - Players and coaches wash/sanitize their hands
 - Clean high-touch surfaces and disinfect shared equipment

PRE-GAME PLATE MEETING

- Coaches & umpires wear masks and stay 6+ feet apart to discuss game rules.
- Exchange of line-up cards from the coaches to umpire is at the home plate umpire's discretion; In situations where line-up cards are not given to umpires prior to the game, they must be available in each team's dugout to resolve any potential conflicts.
- Umpires are provided a copy of these guidelines to review at home plate.

UMPIRES/COACH INTERACTIONS

- Masks must be worn by both the umpires and coaches during any interaction.
- Coaches & umpires stay 6+ feet apart to discuss any questions or conflicts

BASEBALLS

- At the umpire's discretion, baseballs will either run through the umpire (per normal protocol) or through the defensive team. In situations where the umpire chooses not to handle the baseballs, the defensive team will provide balls when their team is in the field. When balls go out of play, they will be thrown in by the defensive team bench to their pitcher to resume play.

PLAYER/TEAM CELEBRATIONS

- Limit physical contact; no large group celebrations

POST PRACTICE & GAMES

- No post-game handshakes – Alternate way to acknowledge your opponent – hat tip, claps, cheer, etc.
- Clean high-touch surfaces and disinfect shared equipment.
- All players and umpires must vacate the field within 15 minutes of the end of the game reservation. All equipment and garbage must be removed from the field and/or placed in the designated receptacle.
- New teams must wait until all players have exited to enter field dugouts.

PARENT/FAN POLICY

- Hosting team will provide requirements for total event occupancy and coordinate with visiting team. Each team will communicate requirements to player families as to the allowable numbers at each event. See scenarios outlined above.
- When spectating, masks are to be worn at all times and non-family members groups are to be spaced out at least 6'-0".

TRANSPORTATION/CONTACT-TRACING

- Limit exposure to those outside the household unit during travel. Only those in the same household should travel together; if not in the same household, travel in separate vehicles if possible.
- Teams are required to keep a roster of every athlete, staff and volunteer present at each practice and game to assist with contact tracing in the event of a possible exposure. Attendance rosters must be kept on file for 28 days after each event.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Players' water bottles need to be clearly marked with their name.
- Limit sharing or equipment—bats, gloves, catcher's gear.
- Helmets, batting gloves or any refreshments may NOT be shared.