

Orange Little League and Amity Softball

Rules for Participation and Acknowledgement thereof for 2021

COVID19 is a novel coronavirus. It is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. These rules are designed in an effort to mitigate those risks. Humanities' knowledge and understanding of COVID19 is constantly evolving. New variants are emerging regularly. It is not possible to play baseball or softball and eliminate all known risks. Nor are all risks known. If you want your child to play baseball/softball this season, you have to be willing, able and comfortable taking on such risks. This is a voluntary activity. Participation by you and/or your child is an acknowledgement of and assumption of all risks related to exposure to COVID19 during all league related activities.

Orange Little League and Amity Softball will not accept risks beyond those permitted under these rules. Failure to adhere to any rule will be sufficient basis for the expulsion of you, your family and/or children from the facility and/or all league activities. Participation by you and/or your child is an acknowledgement that you have read and agreed to act in accordance with the rules contained herein and provide the information as required herein.

The safety of all of us depends on the responsibility of each of us.

BASIC PRINCIPLE

Act responsibly.

Do NOT attend any league activities if you or someone in your household is awaiting COVID19 test results.

Anyone with a fever, significant or persistent cough, respiratory issues, recent loss of the sense of taste or smell, suspected COVID19, a COVID19 diagnosis, or an unvaccinated person exposed to COVID19 cannot attend any activity. Individuals at risk for severe illness or serious underlying medical or respiratory conditions should only attend with permission from a medical professional.

Anyone with a fever, significant or persistent cough, respiratory issues or recent loss of the sense of smell cannot attend until symptoms have subsided, without medication, for at least 24 hours or have been given clearance from a medical professional.

Anyone who tests positive for COVID19 cannot attend for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test result and there has been total resolution of all symptoms for that individual for at least 24 hours.

Anyone who is not fully vaccinated and exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID19 cannot attend for at least 10 days from the last exposure and there has been an absence of or

total resolution of all symptoms in anyone exposed for at least 24 hours. Anyone who is fully vaccinated, who has been exposed, is not prohibited from attendance or participation provided they have no signs or symptoms (and provide proof of vaccination). Anyone who has had COVID and fully recovered, who has been exposed, is not prohibited from attendance or participation provided they have no signs or symptoms (and provide proof of having been positive for COVID within 6 months).

Orange Little League and Amity Softball reserve the right to require written clearance from a medical professional.

ADHERENCE TO LAWS AND GUIDANCE AND MODIFICATION

Orange Little League and Amity Softball will adhere to all Federal, State and Local laws. If we receive additional guidance, we will adjust the rules to reflect those.

Orange Little League and Amity Softball also reserves the right to modify these rules. You will be notified via email and/or internet posting of these changes. You are required to read and adhere to these rules and any modifications thereto.

FACILITIES

Snack stands will be open to sell prepackaged food and drink. Snack stand will be operated by one individual or one household at a time. Doors and/or windows to the snack stand shall be kept open during all operations.

No bathroom usage. Please make sure your players and families use the bathroom before coming to the facilities. If there is a bathroom left open please know that the league is not monitoring, cleaning or disinfecting it.

PRACTICES AND GAMES

Before bringing their player to a league activity, practice, game and/or facility their parent/guardians must ensure their player is fever free, no significant or persistent cough, no respiratory issues, no recent loss of the sense of smell or taste, nor exposure to someone diagnosed or suspected of COVID19. Managers will keep track of all attendees and participants in league activities, practices and/or games.

Any participant in the game or practice who is observed by and in the best judgment of the manager, coach or umpire to have a fever, significant or persistent cough, respiratory issue, or recent loss of the sense of taste or smell will be expelled from the practice or game. The participant will not be able to return that day, until symptoms have subsided without medication for at least 24 hours or have been given clearance from a medical professional.

Coaches, managers, umpires, scorekeepers, and players may wear a mask.

If one or more scorekeepers are assigned to a game only the scorekeepers will be permitted inside of the scorekeeper's box. The door and/or window to the scorekeeper's box must be kept open while more than one individual is inside the box.

Managers and coaches may choose to use the dugouts and/or bleachers for their players in between innings. Spectators are expected to maintain a respectable distance from the bleachers if they are being used for the players.

POSITIVE TESTS

In the event that a participant or a member of their household contracts COVID19 and tests positive that family must notify their team's manager and Orange Little League or Amity Softball. The identity of the individual and/or household that tested positive will be kept confidential.

Everyone who was not fully vaccinated who was in contact with the individual who tested positive within the preceding 2 days from the beginning of symptoms and/or positive test will be prohibited from any league activity or facility for 10 days and a total absence of or total resolution of all symptoms in anyone exposed for at least 24 hours. This will include everyone on their team and everyone on any opposing teams.

Unvaccinated relatives of someone who has been exposed to someone with COVID19 may continue to participate in league activities provided they are closely monitored and no signs or symptoms develop.

Anyone who tests positive for COVID19 cannot attend for at least 10 days from the date of the positive test result and there has been total resolution of all symptoms for that individual for at least 24 hours.

Anyone who is fully vaccinated, who has been exposed, is not prohibited from attendance or participation provided they have no signs or symptoms (and provide proof of vaccination). Anyone who has had COVID19 and fully recovered within the last 6 months, is not prohibited from attendance or participation provided they have no signs or symptoms (and provide proof of COVID19 positivity within 6 months).

Alternative medical clearance authored by a physician or similar health care provider will be reviewed and considered at the discretion of the COVID19 Safety Committee.

Failure to timely notify the manager and Orange Little League or Amity Softball will be the sufficient basis for permanent expulsion of all members of the household.

Participation in the season is an acknowledgement of this requirement to disclose a positive COVID19 test or contact with someone who has tested positive and a waiver of any privacy right related to this otherwise protected health information.