

AUSTINTOWN COMMUNITY BASEBALL SAFETY PLAN IN RESPONSE TO COVID 19. ACB will always make everyone's safety our top priority, **so in addition to the Ohio mandated rules**, ACB will also implement these safety procedures to make sure our players, fans, umpires, and volunteers stay safe until we can get back to normal procedures. Please visit [www.acbleague.com](http://www.acbleague.com) for a copy of Ohio's rules.

#### **Park Safety:**

- Sanitizer stations will be setup at all high traffic areas including one in the concession line, one near the bathrooms, and one when you enter the park in front of the garage. Spectators should make sure to sanitize their hands before they come to the park.
- There will be a one way in, one way out concession line that will start at the ordering area, to the corner of the concrete, and down the concrete along fields one and two side with 6' marked spacing. There will also be a condiment table that will also serve as a deterrent from walking in front of people that just purchased food that will run along the opening directly to the right of the concession area along concrete on field 3 side.
- If a food truck is used in lieu of the concession stand, cones will be placed at 6' intervals to ensure proper distancing. Sanitizer will be provided at the ordering area.
- Fans can be no closer than the end of the high fence to watch the games, which will be marked with high visibility tape. There will also be tape every 6' along the fence line to ensure proper distancing between groups of fans. If a group of fans is larger than 2 people, they will use up 2 markers. During games no fans can enter the high fence area or near dugouts. Parents must make sure that the player has everything they need for the entire game.
- Bathrooms will have a 6' marker that the next person in line must stay behind to allow the person exiting room to leave. The bathrooms will be cleaned before the beginning of play and nightly by a member of the board or volunteer parent. Signs will be hung asking everyone to clean up after themselves while using the restroom.
- Any foul balls will be retrieved by a member of the coaching staff on the side of the field the ball exited. If the ball lands near the fan area, a fan may pickup the ball, but must hand it to the coach going to retrieve the ball.
- There will be a Social Distancing sign when entering the park reminding everyone of the importance to social distance themselves.
- All fans will adhere to the social distance rules set forth by the state of Ohio. Any fans using the bleacher areas will also adhere to the 6' social distance rules. Also, it is recommended that anyone not in the field of play wear a mask.

#### **Player Safety While Playing:**

- All player equipment besides bats will be kept behind the dugout so the players can grab their appropriate gear on the way to get ready to hit, or the entire team can keep their gear in front of the dugout bench. The player can then come into dugout from home plate said mad grab their gear.

- While on offense, there will be 4 batters in the dugout with helmets on in their respective batting order ready to hit. The rest of the team will be lined up along the high fence area. Once a batter from the dugout goes up to bat, a coach will direct the next player in the lineup to walk behind the dugout to get their gear, then enter the dugout on home plate side. All bats will be kept at the end of the dugout fence as usual and cannot be picked up until the batter due up goes to home plate.
- There will be no sharing of gear this year including but not limited to gloves, batting gloves, bats, helmets, and catchers gear.
- The teams scheduled to play next will wait in the fan area and not proceed to the dugout area until the previous team has completely left the field. The dugouts will be sprayed down each night
- In lieu of the after game handshake, the players will line up along the 1st and 3rd baselines and tip their cap to show their respect for the opposing players/coaches.

**Player Safety At Home:**

- It will be the responsibility of each parent/guardian to take not only their own temperature but also the players temperature before leaving for any practices or games. If anyone has a temperature of 100.4 or higher, they are to stay home. Also, If anyone is experiencing any of the symptoms outlined by the CDC as potential COVID 19 markers, they are to stay home. These include coughing (not associated with allergies, etc), shortness of breath, fever, chills, sore throat, loss of taste. Please use common sense in these situations and stay home to protect everyone at the park.

**If there are any fans that are blatantly disregarding the rules set forth by the state of Ohio or ACB, that fan will be asked to leave the park for the safety of everyone else attending the games.**