



## UMAC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

### HAVE FUN, BE SAFE

Welcome to Taylor Fields, the home of UMAC Baseball! To provide a safe and fun experience for all our players and families, we expect each participating team to comply with the following Safety Requirements. This is a team effort.

Given the ever-changing nature of this pandemic, UMAC reserves the right to modify these Safety Requirements before the Tournament.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

**Symptom and Temperature Check:** Players and Coaches are required to complete a health check/waiver for each player and coach participating in the Tournament.

UMAC requires all participants, coaches, officials, and spectators to stay home if they feel unwell or are sick for any reason. Persons with COVID-19 may be without symptoms and still transmit the virus to others. If symptomatic, a person may show one or more of these symptoms:

Fever	Muscle
Cough	Pain
Runny	Headaches
Nose Sore	Skin
Throat	rashes
Vomiting	Shortness of
Diarrhea	Breath Fatigue
Nausea	Bloodshot Eyes

All participants, coaches, officials, and spectators are required to self-check temperatures daily prior to attending the Tournament. If they exhibit a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, they cannot attend or participate.

Additionally, all participants, coaches, officials, and spectators who have had contact with a person with COVID-19 in the 14 days prior to the Tournament must stay home.

On arrival or on the Friday immediately preceding the first game, each coach will be responsible for submitting a Health Attestation Form, which will include contact tracing information for their team prior to starting their first game.

**No Sharing of Food & Beverages:** Players may not share their food or beverages with others. Managers must emphasize the importance of hydration. There is no spitting, gum chewing, sunflower seed consumption or similar eating permitted on the bench or field of play.

**No Sharing of Equipment:** Each player must use their own equipment. This includes catcher's equipment.

**Umpires:** For games with a single umpire, the umpire will call balls and strikes from a position behind the pitcher and wear a face covering at all times. For semi-final and championship rounds, the second umpire will be in place near the backstop but socially distanced from the catcher and batter. Balls and strikes will still be called by the umpire in the field behind the pitcher.

**Tobacco:** No Tobacco use of any kind is allowed on the premises.

**Celebratory Acts and Team Meetings:** Due to the nature of droplet and aerosol transmission, participants, coaches, officials, and spectators are encouraged to seek alternatives to cheering and yelling. No direct, person to person contact, such as handshakes, back slaps, high fives, elbowbumps, etc. are permitted. Team meetings may not occur in an enclosed dugout and players/coaches must maintain social distancing (at least 6 feet) during team meetings on the field.

## TAYLOR FIELDS COMPLEX

**Batting Cage:** Both batting cages will be open. Players must socially distance while in line to use the cage and coaches must disinfect any shared equipment after use. UMAC will provide disinfecting solution.

**Dugouts/Bleachers:** Players will be socially distanced in the dugout and on the bleachers immediately next to the dugouts. UMAC has marked both the dugout and bleachers, so each player knows where to sit. Spectators will not be permitted to use the bleachers during the Tournament.

**Playground/Sandbox:** Unless otherwise directed by Montgomery County, the playground and sandbox will remain open, however, social distancing must still be observed. Parents/Guardians are responsible for monitoring their children on the playground/sandbox and ensuring that social distancing and face mask guidelines are followed.

**Portable Toilets:** The portable toilets will be open and will be cleaned in accordance with UMAC's contract with the provider.

**Signage:** UMAC will ensure proper signage is present throughout Taylor Fields to instruct on all requirements and hygiene protocol during COVID-19.

## REQUIRED FACE COVERINGS AT TAYLOR FIELDS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES

### **For Players:**

All players must maintain social distancing (six feet of separation) and wear face coverings upon arrival, departure, when not engaged in athletic activities, and as otherwise required by local laws. If players can maintain social distancing, they are not required to wear a face covering, though may do so voluntarily, on the field of play when engaged in athletic activities. If players violate social distance spacing, activity must stop until a six-foot distance is reestablished.

Players are encouraged to wear a face covering while on the field of play, however it is not required for participation. Face coverings must be worn in the dugout area or whenever social distancing is not possible (e.g., during a drill). For information on the importance of face coverings and social distancing refer to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) and State/Local Health Departments (See e.g., <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/> and <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/>).

### **For Coaches/Managers/Volunteers/Officials:**

- All Coaches/Managers/Volunteers and Officials must wear a face covering at all times.
- Coaches/Managers must instruct their players to immediately clear out the dugout/bleacher area at the end of their game unless they are staying on the same field immediately following.
- Coaches/Managers should minimize team meetings at the end of the game.
- At the end of the games, Coaches/Players should return to their vehicles and leave Taylor Fields in a timely fashion. To observe the County's spectator limits, coaches are not permitted to stay to watch other teams if their team's game have concluded for the day.

### **For Spectators:**

- Only 2 spectators are permitted per player or a maximum of 50 total spectators. Games are not open to the public. UMAC emphasizes that spectators with preexisting conditions that make them more susceptible to the impacts of COVID-19, as identified by CDC, should consider the risk prior to attending a youth sporting event, such as UMAC baseball.
- All volunteers, guardians, and spectators must wear face coverings at all times at Taylor Fields.
- No spectators are permitted in the player areas except as otherwise permitted due to player injury.
- Spectators should bring their own seating as the bleachers will be used for players.
- Spectators should observe the games down the sidelines or from the perimeter of the outfield in a socially distanced manner.
- At the end of the games, spectators should return to their vehicles and leave Taylor Fields in a timely fashion.

## ENFORCEMENT OF POLICIES

All managers/head coaches are responsible for their own conduct, as well as their team's, and any other volunteers (i.e., team parent and assistant coaches). Managers/Head Coaches must work with parents/guardians/spectators who violate the requirements but are not responsible for their actions. If a coach, player, parent/guardian, or spectator refuses to comply with or blatantly disregards rules and requirements, a team's activities may be suspended until the guardian/spectator leaves the premises.

Noncompliance with the requirements in this plan by a coach, player, volunteer, parent/guardian, or spectator will result in penalties as follows:

**First Violation:** Verbal Warning.

**Second Violation:** Immediate removal from current UMAC tournament activity. Player and parent will have to commit in writing to following established requirements and protocols set by UMAC.

**Third Violation:** Suspension from participating in or attending the remainder of the tournament. No refunds of registration fees will be provided.