

**City of Mauldin Recreation Department
Guidelines for Fall Youth Programming (Tackle Football, Baseball, Softball, Flag Football)**

A. Personal Protective Equipment:

City Staff, volunteer coaches, chain crew, and spectators are always required to wear protective mask. Players and officials are required to wear mask as they enter a facility, but once they are on the playing surface, they may remove the mask.

B. Hygiene Practices:

Hand sanitizer bottles will be set up in the dugout area and at all facility along the fence area for use. Program participants, all City staff and all visitors (when allowed) should wash their hands as directed by SC DHEC and the CDC. This should include no spitting, licking fingers, etc.

C. Individuals who are Sick

Individuals who feel like they are sick before city sponsored activities are asked to stay at home. Individuals who become sick during the activity or upon entrance will be asked to leave the park / facility. The recreation department is asking that coaches help check players to make sure there are no signs before practices and games.

D. Shared Equipment:

The hope is that everyone will have their own gear, but we know that is another cost during these times. Each dugout will have a spray bottle of sanitizer to sanitize all equipment that is shared after each use. If equipment is shared, coaches and parents are required to disinfect it between use. Parents will be needed to help sanitize your child's equipment after use.

E. Water Bottles / Snacks / Drinks:

Players, coaches and umpires/officials should bring their own water bottles to all team activities. No team should bring snacks and drinks for players after and before games. This includes practices as well. Parents may bring snacks and drinks for their child only.

F. Sanitation:

Commonly used surfaces such as doors, handrails, etc. will be cleaned regularly. The restrooms at the Parks where team activities will be cleaned on a regular basis. There will be no water fountains that are open for use during these times.

G. Social Distancing:

At no time during any team activities:

- No handshakes/high fives before, during, or after the game
- 6-foot spacing waiting lines in common areas (concessions, gate, restrooms, etc.)
- Designated warm up areas for teams
- Coaches are encouraged to keep players in small groups at practice to allow for physical distancing

Everyone is asked to leave the premises once the game is over. Teams cannot congregate after games or practices any communication will need to be done in a social distance.

H. Umpires/Officials/Coaches:

When possible umpires/officials/Coaches should maintain physical distance. To help with baseball and softball, there will not be an umpire behind the plate. The umpire will be placed behind the pitcher in the field to call balls and strikes.

I. Seating:

There will be no bleachers for spectators and/or players. Everyone will have to bring a portable chair. Players will not sit in dugouts and will be stationed outside of the dugout fence to promote social distancing in fall baseball / softball. Coaches are expected to ensure additional space is clear around the player and coach area to provide physical distancing between players and spectators. As for football games, we cannot remove the stands for seating. I do recommend bringing your own person chair to sit in.