

Wizards-Starzz COVID Chaos 2020

Guidelines for Operations Under Covid-19

These guidelines were designed by the WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS Boards to provide a more specific process for tournament play at our fields.

ALL PLAYERS, COACHES, OFFICIALS, SPECTATORS, AND LEAGUE EMPLOYEES MUST CONDUCT A SELF-EVALUATION BEFORE ARRIVING AT EACH FIELD.

Arrival to Field

- WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS will have a waiver that each family will have to sign in order for their child to participate in the 2020 tournament. This is MANDATORY, and no one will be able to participate without this waiver being signed.
- Everyone who enters any WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS facility must adhere to a 6-foot physical distance while attending any event. This does not apply to members of the same household.
- There will be no team or shared water coolers. All players must bring a water bottle or other hydrating fluid to all games.
- WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS recommend that coaches wear face masks at all times during warm ups. Coaches and umpires are recommended to wear face masks during games. Players are recommended to wear face masks when they are not in the field of play. **If anyone, besides family members, cannot maintain social distancing, then the recommendation of wearing face masks, becomes mandatory. Face masks are required by anyone that enters a public building.**
- Players should have their own glove. We would also like for players to have their own helmets, bats, and any other equipment if possible.
- Share these guidelines with anyone who may come to a WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS facility to view a game.
- Upon arrival and throughout the time individuals are on tournament grounds, there should be no use of gum, chewing tobacco, or sunflower seeds. Individuals are not permitted to spit.

Warming Up

- Break warm ups up into smaller groups, when possible.
- Dugouts will not be used during warm ups.
- Adhere to physical distancing guidelines.
- Adhere to face mask guidelines.
- Adhere to equipment guidelines. In the case, when a bat, helmet, or any catcher's gear is shared, it will need to be sanitized between every usage.

Games

- Dugouts can be used; however, social distancing guidelines shall be applied. Players can also select a space along fence lines (on their dugout sides). Spaces are to be 6-feet apart on the fence. Each player can either stand, sit on the ground, or bring their own chair/sitting apparatus to sit on.
- Each team will need to provide their own hand sanitizer and disinfectant to use for cleaning of any shared equipment.

- WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS will provide each team with all game balls. Each team on defense will use their own designated ball.
- Adhere to face mask guidelines.
- Adhere to equipment guidelines. In the case, when a bat, helmet, or any catcher's gear is shared, it will need to be sanitized between every usage.
- There will be no exchanging of team lineup sheets.
- There should be no team huddles, high fives, handshakes or any physical touching of any sort between players, coaches, umpires and team volunteers.
- At the end of each game, players can line up on each baseline, and signal to other team with a wave or tip of the cap. Or may simply yell out "good game."
- On fields where there may be a second or more game, we need all teams and spectators to exit in a speedy and timely manner. For teams that will be playing in the second or more game, we need your team and spectators to wait at a safe distance away from the dugouts, to let the earlier game teams exit.

Players

- Players will need to adhere to social distancing guidelines inside the dugouts and also along fence lines.
- Adhere to face mask guidelines.
- Adhere to physical contact guidelines.
- Adhere to dugout guidelines.
- Adhere to equipment guidelines. In the case, when a bat, helmet, or any catcher's gear is shared, it will need to be sanitized between every usage.
- Parents are asked to NOT enter player/team areas. However, we ask that parents help with monitoring their child, when it comes to adhering to all of these guidelines.

Coaches

- Coaches are responsible for all communication between players, team volunteers, parents, and umpires. If needed, ask for parent's assistance in trying to help players adhere to all guidelines. Please be respectful, these are trying times for everyone.
- The entire coaching staff needs to be responsible in adhering to all guidelines. Please lead by example. Please do your best to help players adhere to all guidelines.
- Adhere to face mask guidelines.
- Adhere to physical distancing guidelines.
- Adhere to physical contact guidelines.
- Adhere to dugout guidelines.
- Adhere to equipment guidelines. In the case, when a bat, helmet, or any catcher's gear is shared, it will need to be sanitized between every usage.
- Each team will need to provide their own bottled hand sanitizer and disinfectant to use for cleaning of any shared equipment.
- We ask that each coach carry some rags/towels to be used for sanitizing.

Spectators

- We ask that parents move down the fence lines, away from player designated areas.
- Families can sit together, without physical distancing.
- We ask that parents do their best to stay away from players designated areas.
- Please help coaches, if needed, to help your child follow all guidelines.
- Please be respectful of each other. We're all in this together.
- Adhere to physical distancing guidelines.
- Adhere to physical contact guidelines.
- Adhere to dugout guidelines.

Umpires

- Adhere to face mask guidelines.
- Adhere to physical contact guidelines.
- Adhere to dugout guidelines.
- Report any issues to head coaches. If any issue persists, please report it to a WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS board member.
- Please bring your own water/drink to games.

Leaving the Venue

- Please pickup and discard all trash. Make sure to take all personal belongings when you leave.
- Please make a speedy exit as soon as the game is over.
- Please avoid congregating in common areas and parking lots following all events.

Confirmed Cases

- Please report any confirmed Covid-19 cases to the WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS board immediately.
- In the event of a confirmed case, each family should self-quarantine for 14-days.
- WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS will report any confirmed cases to the Lake and/or Cuyahoga County Health Department, and to any teams that were at that specific field.

Extra Points of Reference

- WIZARDS-STARZZ ORGANIZATIONS board members, tournament directors, coaches, and team volunteers are exactly that – VOLUNTEERS. Please keep this in mind when communicating with everyone.
- None of us have all the answers. This will be a work in progress. Guidelines may be altered as we go.
- Please wear a SMILE not a FROWN. That will help much more when dealing with any issue.
- Finally, this is about the kids! Remember to practice good sportsmanship. If everyone does their best to follow all of these guidelines, and leads by example, our children will emulate us.