

LAKELAND PLAYING/ SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES

The guidelines below are requirements by either the sports commission of Polk County, the city of Lakeland or NSA HQ. These are not optional nor negotiable.

- 1) When checking in your team, you will need to have a printed NSA roster from your team sanction page on www.playnsa.com This roster was updated on May 14th to include a waiver for COVID 19. PLEASE, PLEASE save yourself some time and print out this new roster before you get to the park. If you do not have this new roster from after May 14th at check-in, you will be forced to fill it out there, and every player and coach on your team will have to fill out an individual waiver.
- 2) The plate meeting will still happen but with no shaking hands. There should only be 1 coach to represent the team at the meeting. No players or additional coaches.
- 3) Spectators must only view the game down the left and right field the foul lines past the dugouts. Please practice social distancing CDC guidelines when doing this as well. No seating behind the temp fences in the outfield. No one will be permitted between the dugouts except coaches, players and 1 scorekeeper per team. No one is allowed to set up tents, chairs or any other seating arrangements between the dugout areas. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS OR THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE CANCELLED BY THE City of Lakeland!!!!**

Please go over this with your families so they know what to expect and do not get upset. If they do not comply, they will be asked to leave.

Concessions and bathrooms will be open but please do not congregate around those areas once you are finished. If players are waiting on a game to finish, then they may sit in the behind the outfield temp fencing but **NO PARENTS! PARENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO STAY IN THE PARKING LOTS UNTIL 10 MINUTES BEFORE THEIR CHILDS GAME STARTS. IF THEY FEEL THE NEED TO WALK THEM INTO THE COACH THAT IS FINE, BUT THEY**

THEN MUST RETURN TO THE PARKING LOT UNTIL 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE GAME STARTS. PARENTS, A GOOD INDICATOR OF 10 MINUTES PRIOR TO GAME TIME IS WHEN YOUR TEAM IS WARMING UP ON THE FIELD. This will encourage social distancing and also allow for those leaving the park to exit ahead of new spectators coming to watch the next round of games.

- 4) If you are bringing a tent as a spectator, it can be no larger than 10x10 or you will be asked to take it down. It also cannot be pegged into the ground, it can only be weighted down.**
- 5) Should there be inclement weather all spectators should return to their cars for safety and not remain in the designated areas of seating.**
- 6) There will be no shaking hands after games. Return to your dug out when the game is over and wave good game to the other team.**
- 7) After your game, if you are not scheduled to play again immediately, coaches and players will be expected to leave the inside of the complex. Have your team meetings outside the complex gates as well.**
- 8) Coaches do not hold team meetings after the game in the quad. Hold them outside of the gate so new spectators can arrive, the city can sanitize the dugouts and we can start the next game in a timely manner.**
- 9) There will be no award presentation. The awards will be given to the first and second place coaches to disperse to their team after the game, away from the field of play.**
- 10) Teams must bring their own first aid kits, sanitizers, disinfectant wipes and ice.**
- 11) Players should not be sharing equipment!**

- 12) Players should be bringing their own food, snacks and drinks and should not be sharing with anyone. It is for their individual consumption.**
- 13) There should be no spitting of gum, seeds or any other item inside the complex**
- 14) NSA will NOT be sanitizing the complex, but the City of Lakeland will have a plan devised to disinfect dugouts, bathrooms etc.**
- 15) The city of Lakeland encourages all to wear face masks but IT IS NOT A REQUIREMENT!**
- 16) No dogs allowed – If it is a service animal be prepared to show authentic and original documentation from a physician proving it.**