

# FishHawk Youth Baseball Return to Competition Plan

## As of 25 August 2020

### CLEANING / DISINFECTION

- Limit use of shared equipment. All players are encouraged to bring their own equipment, especially catchers.
- If teams provide shared equipment (i.e. catchers gear) coaches will be held responsible for sanitizing between use with EPA registered disinfectant suitable against COVID-19. Ensure safe and correct application of disinfectants and keep products away from children.
- FYB will provide each field with FDA approved hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol for coaches and participants.
- Bathrooms will be cleaned twice weekly by a professional service and will be checked daily for sanitization of high touch surfaces.
- Use best efforts to avoid restroom crowding.
- High-touch surfaces such as equipment, shared objects, dugout handles shall be cleaned, sanitized, and disinfected daily.

### FIELD / FACILITY – ENTRY & EXIT

- Dugout are the entry and exit point for the field.
- Coaches must keep roster/attendance for 120 days for all scheduled activities to assist with contact tracing, if necessary.
- ***ALL PLAYERS, COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS MUST HAVE A SIGNED COVID 19 WAIVER FOR THE CURRENT SEASON.***
- Practice and Game times will be staggered to ensure two teams per field. NO overlap is permitted.
- AN FYB Board member will be present to open and lock the field after each event. All fields must be locked/secured after final game of the day except for the designated public use field.
- Signage shall be posted promoting safe hygiene, social distancing, social distancing markers, hygiene etiquette etc.
- FYB Park hours are from 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### RETURN TO COMPETITION PROTOCOLS

- Continue the use of virtual and online registration and use of conference calls or other remote platforms for any group or parent meetings.
- No on field presentations, awards, or photos. Use of virtual award ceremonies is recommended.
- FYB Baseball plans to offer a 10-game schedule for each division with practices and games scheduled on weeknights and weekends.

- A sample schedule block is s detailing planned usage.
- All persons entering the facility shall have with them on their person a facial covering/mask or face shield upon entry:
  - o This requirement applies to coaches, players, spectators, umpires, and all others. Exceptions apply to those with a medical condition and those under 5 years of age.
  - o Facial covering/masks shall be worn whenever social distancing of 6' cannot be maintained and when circulating to crowded areas of the park.
  - o Coaching Staff & Umpires are required to wear face coverings on the field of play and /or when around players.
  - o Face coverings are Mandatory in dugouts.
  - o No Team Huddles
  - o No handshaking/celebrations.
  - o Each individual shall bring their own snacks and drinks.

### **SAFETY**

- Any Player, Coach, Umpire, Parent, Fan, or Spectator that is sick or not feeling well should NOT attend any practice or game and stay home!
- Player's gear will be hung on the OUTSIDE of the dugout spaced apart.
- The Fishhawk Youth Sports Complex has a THOR guard to warn of potential lighting strikes. If the horn goes off, all players and coaches will return to their cars and await the three-blast signaling "ALL CLEAR." If lightning occurs, practice will be terminated.
- Bleachers will NOT be used.
- All accidents will be reported using the FYB Incident Report form and 911 will be called if required.
- In the event of a Covid case is discovered Fishhawk Youth Baseball will do the following:
  - o Review roster attendance and notify all parties that potentially came in contact with infected party.
  - o Close off areas used by a sick person within the last 24 hours and do not use these areas until after cleaning and disinfecting them. For outdoor areas, this includes surfaces or shared objects in the area, if applicable.
  - o If needed suspend any team activities. Until deem all clear based off CDC Criteria.

### **PARENTS / GUARDIANS / FANS / SPECTATORS**

- Wear a face covering/mask whenever social distancing of 6' cannot be maintained particularly when moving or circulating to the restrooms etc.
- If choosing to watch, limiting one parent/guardian per child is encouraged as well as keeping family group sizes to 9 or less.
- If a parent/guardian(s) chooses to watch, he/she must:

- o Stay off the field/sideline.
- o Maintain social distancing and not intermingle with other groups.

### **CONCESSION STANDS**

- Concession stands are to remain closed.

### **MONITORING / COMPLIANCE**

- An FYB Board member will present during each practice and game to monitor:
  - o Session compliance
  - o Parents, fans, spectator compliance
  - o Coaching staff compliance
  - o Non-compliance will be tracked and reported to [prk-fields@HCFLGov.net](mailto:prk-fields@HCFLGov.net)
- If a parent fails to comply, they will be asked to leave the park
- If a player fails to comply, the coach should correct the situation. If the player continues, the parents will be talked to. If the lack of compliance continues, the player will be asked to leave the practice session and not be able to attend the next practice session. The Board member will be notified.
- If a coach is identified as not complying, the coach will be spoken to and reminded of the need for compliance.
- If a coach consistently fails to comply with the outlined guidelines, they will be asked to leave and cannot attend the next practice session.
- If coaching staff fails to consistently comply, the session will be terminated, and the coaches will be spoken to about the importance of compliance. A review of the Return to Play guidelines will be reviewed by all.

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In accordance with Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department

I, Anthony Fucca as Fishhawk Youth Baseball's Representative, with authority to bind the LEAGUE, do hereby certify compliance with the COVID-19 guidelines as set forth by Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department. The roster and identification cards issued by the LEAGUE reflects compliance by the LEAGUE for the mandatory COVID-19 Guidelines for all coaches/parents/guardians/volunteers and athletes. The roster and identification cards will be updated annually or as needed prior to each league's preseason/season and ensure the COUNTY always has an updated roster. The LEAGUE takes responsibility for the Covid-19 Guidelines compliance and understands the LEAGUE is solely responsible for implementing and enforcing that all coaches/parents/guardians/volunteers and athletes are following the guidelines.

Signature: Anthony Fucca      Date 8/25/20