**South Nepean Mixed 3 Pitch Leqgue**

**Safe *Return to Play* Guidelines**

The South Nepean Mixed 3 Pitch League (SNM3PL) is committed to the highest levels of safety for our community of players.

In order to play with SNM3PL and stay in good standing, the following guidelines MUST be followed for the protection of us all.

SNM3PL will update these guidelines as/when necessary, to ensure we are in compliance with local government and public health authorities.

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| **Before you Play*** Before leaving for a game, answer the questions posted on our website [www.3pitch.com](http://www.3pitch.com) and provide your captain with the results
* The following individuals are **not permitted** to participate:
	+ Anyone who is sick or has any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, headache.
	+ Anyone who has recently returned from traveling outside of Canada, in the past 14 days.
	+ Anyone who has knowingly been exposed to or been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19, in the past 14 days.
* ~~Spectators are not permitted on-site for SNM3PL games (~~**~~players only~~**~~).~~
* Participants must maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres from any other person who is using the field/facility.
	+ *The only exception would be during an in-game fielding play where baserunner and defensive player are in momentary close proximity.*

**Arrival*** ~~Teams must wait until the teams from the previous games vacate the premises~~
* ~~Games are scheduled to start at 6:30pm and 9:00 pm that includes additional buffer time in between games. Teams must arrive no earlier than 15 mins before game time and must depart games / facility area immediately upon completion. This is done to avoid the overlap of players.~~

**Team Bench*** Teams must spread out along the bleachers so as to respect physical distancing of 2 meters.
* Player benches/dugouts must not be used with the exception of field access
* Players must cover their mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Put all garbage in bins.
* Do not eat at game locations. Do not share water bottles.
* No alcohol is permitted on the grounds at any time, Please use discretion.
* At the end of the game, leave absolutely nothing on-site.
 | **Preparing to Play*** Physical touch like handshaking, high fives, fist/elbow bumps and huddles are not permitted.
* Captains must complete their team game sheet with the following information:
	+ Date, Time, Diamond, home team name, visiting team name, full name of each player.
	+ At the end of the game, Captains must provide Naz Moussa, League Convenor, copies of the games scoresheet.
	+ SNM3PL is required to keep these sheets for twenty-one (21) for the purpose of tracing in the event of a COVID-19 outbreak.
* Captains will meet at a 2-meter distance before the start of each game to discuss and ensure all COVID-19 safety requirements are being met.
* All teams must limit shared equipment and ensure sanitization between uses.

**In-game Play**. * **Bats**
	+ All bats should be sanitized before each game and after each use during the game.
	+ After a batter hits the ball and runs to 1st base, the “on-deck player should proceed to the batter box while the “in-the-hole” player should retrieves and sanitizes the bat left by the runner.
	+ Umpires and defensive players should never touch other team’s bats.
* **Softballs**
	+ All softballs should be sanitized before each game and after each use during the game.
	+ Each team will only use their own team softballs when playing defense. At the end of an inning, the defensive team should collect all softballs used during that inning (foul balls, home runs, etc.) and take them to their bench.
	+ Umpires and defensive players should never touch other team’s softballs.
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