

## **Weston Travel Ball Return to Play Rules and Operation Plan**

Weston Travel Ball (“WTB”) is re-opening the organization as permitted by the City of Weston. WTB shall be following and adopting the City of Weston guidelines/protocols, the USSSA Baseball & Fastpitch Softball Return to Play Rules, and shall also require supplemental procedures as determined by the board of WTB. WTB shall be recommending that everyone follow CDC guidelines and wear a face covering when required, as more fully set forth below; avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth; avoid close contact with people who are sick; and practice physical distancing whenever possible in addition to the below requirements.

- Per Broward County Emergency Order 20-15, coaches, parents, spectators and visitors must wear facial covering at all times (except children under 2 years of age); participants must wear facial covering except when engage in strenuous activities.
- No one is permitted to participate if they are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms or has a temperature of 100.04 or higher.

All WTB affiliated teams, coaches, managers, players, family members or visitors shall be following the rules set forth below:

### **POST COVID-19 201.1: USSSA Baseball & Fastpitch Return to Play Recommended Best Practices for the Field-of-Play:**

1. Follow all local and state guidelines for facilities and events.
2. The managers meeting at home plate should be limited to one coach from each team plus the umpires. No players at plate meeting. Eliminate the meeting if possible.
3. Where possible, consider options for limiting both the pitching and the scorecard exchanges, in order to reduce person-to-person contact.
4. Allow teams to spread players out; expand the dugout area when room permits and only if player safety will not be compromised. Expansion of the team dugouts should not be done into foul ball areas. Attempt to limit bench personnel to essential team personnel. (As more fully set forth below)
5. Parents shall supply their players with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for disinfecting shared playing equipment and cleaning hands between innings/quarters/periods.
6. Players may wear PPE items if they choose, as long as the items do not compromise the safety of any and all participants in the game.
7. Teams are required to clean their dugout of all trash and other items after each game, and to wipe down (clean) hard surfaces such as benches, bat racks, etc.
8. Upon arriving at a dugout for the first time, teams are to disinfect hard surface areas (benches, bat racks, etc.). *Procedures #7 and #8 here will comply with the CDC recommendation of a two-step process for cleaning and disinfecting.*
9. Directors should consider adjusting the playing formats and increasing the amount of time between games, to minimize overlap and traffic flow where needed.
10. Ban the use of sunflower seeds.

### **WTB and City of Weston Supplement to the USSSA Rules**

1. Coaches on the field will be limited to four (4) per team and shall wear face coverings at all times except when engaged in strenuous activities.
2. No sharing of food or beverages, which includes, but is not limited to snacks, water or gum. No sunflower seeds are permitted on the field or in the park.

3. For team practices the players shall be split between the two dugouts with no more than 4 players in the dugout at one time, with all practicing proper social distancing. All additional players should use the extended dugout as set forth below. Only essential team personnel are permitted to enter the dugouts, no parents are permitted unless the parent is a coach, manager or your child is injured and you are requested to enter.
4. For games dugouts are to be extended outside the field of play down the foul line at each field outside of the fence. Each player's parent can bring a chair or seat for the player to sit on outside the fence down the line on either side of the field. Players are prohibited from sitting on the field of play in foul territory without being behind a fence.
5. No player is permitted to participate in any WTB sanctioned activity until an updated waiver is executed and until the player's parent also signs these rules.
6. Whenever possible on the field, the players should remain six (6) feet apart from each other.
7. ALL CITY OF WESTON RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO SOCIAL DISTANCING SHALL BE FOLLOWED.
8. All Weston parks will be closing at 9:00pm as of now, so all practices and games must be completed prior to 9:00pm, no exceptions until the City of Weston extends the hours of operation.
9. Players are not permitted to share equipment.
10. Any player that becomes sick shall not return to the team for any practices or games until clearance is received in writing from a physician.
11. There shall be no sharing of helmets, bats or gloves or of any equipment.
12. There shall be hand sanitizer in the dugout during all games and practices and players and coaches shall be encouraged to use it often and at a minimum it shall be used between each inning.
13. The head coach or team manager shall notify the participants, parents, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators of COVID-19 guidelines prior to the start of every session.
14. All coaches and managers shall enforce all safety guidelines/protocols, understanding that failure to do so may result in discontinued use of the City of Weston facilities/fields.
15. All teams shall keep an attendance list of all players, coaches and others in attendance at every practice, game or other assembly to facilitate contact tracing.
16. During practice, parents must remain in their cars or utilize the park for an approved use, but may not congregate around the playing field, in the bleachers, around the fence, etc.
17. During games, physical distancing and CDC guidelines must be practiced. Only families may congregate under a tent.
18. All players are required to bring their own bottle(s) for hydration. No team coolers permitted and all water fountains in the parks are closed.
19. Teams shall pick up all trash from dugouts and fields upon completion of practices or games.
20. If a coach holds a "team huddle" at any point before, during or after practice or a game, players shall maintain a 6' distance from one another.
21. No games are permitted until the City of Weston approves organized teams to play games.
22. Prior to each practice and game AND after each practice and game, teams are required to clean their dugout of all trash and to disinfect hard surface areas (benches, bat racks, etc.) with appropriate alcohol and bleach based sanitizers.

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I acknowledge receipt of the Guidelines for Weston Travel Ball and will ensure the adherence to all guidelines stated above.

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Name of Parent or Guardian

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Player's Name

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Date