



Chandler Youth Baseball Mitigation Plan for COVID 19

It takes a village to run a baseball league. Chandler Youth Baseball is committed to protecting our nation's youth and it is our goal to have a safe and healthy season. It is upon all of us to help make this happen. If we do not adhere to certain rules and restrictions, then our season may be cancelled.

If for some reason we are unable to complete the season due to COVID-19 related issues, then we as a board will vote on the matter of a partial or no refund. Keep in mind that as a volunteer run league, we incur nonrefundable costs prior to the start of each season. We were able to provide a full refund for the Spring 2020 season, but we will not be able to provide a full refund if that were to happen again.

We understand that personal views of COVID-19 may vary, but Chandler Youth Baseball will focus on the use of federal, state, local and/or CDC guidelines as they pertain to the participation in sports activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. You may not agree with the restrictions in place, but we ask that you comply with them if you want to participate as a player, coach, or spectator.

- All players, parents / guardians, coaches, and spectators assume certain risks when they decide to attend or participate in a sporting event. Such risks may be injury and/or exposure to a communicable disease such as COVID-19.
- All players and coaches must complete the Chandler Youth Baseball waiver prior to participating in the upcoming season.
- The COVID-19 pandemic is fluid, and our mitigation plan may change. We will keep you posted on our website.
- The restrooms at parks are maintained by the City of Chandler, not Chandler Youth Baseball. Therefore, sanitation measures fall upon the city.

- Coaches, players, and parents/guardians of players will self-evaluate prior to practices and games. If anyone is sick or displaying symptoms of being ill, then stay home. Do not participate in that activity and seek medical attention if necessary. Refer to the CDC for symptoms pertaining specifically to COVID-19: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | CDC](#)
- Masks or face coverings are required to be worn by all individuals including coaches, spectators, players, and umpires when entering the playing field areas and common areas of all parks. Players and coaches may remove their face covering once on the designated playing field. Spectators may remove their masks once they are in a spectating area and maintaining social distance (6 feet). Members of the same household will not be required to socially distance themselves. Bleachers and picnic tables are for use at your own risk.
- When in the dugout players and coaches must wear masks or face coverings. Social distancing should be encouraged in the dugouts and players can be spread out down the line behind fencing if necessary. We recommend teams limit the number of coaches and not sit in the dugouts with players unless wearing a mask. Coaches are authorized to sit on buckets outside the dugout on the field. Social distance from each other as much as possible, including during warmups.
- Coaches & players should maintain social distancing when practicing and warming up prior to games and use masks or face coverings when they cannot socially distance. Coaches are reminded to mask up when they are close to players to provide instruction, adjust in the batter's box and / or visits to the pitching mound.
- Spectators, Coaches and Players upon the end of a game or practice, should leave the field as quickly as possible to avoid congregating in common areas around the baseball fields. This will allow the next team(s) to come on to the field for their practice or game and keep the capacity of the park down to a minimum.
- Each team waiting to play or practice next on the field must remain in the warmup area until the prior team has left the dugout. We suggest having each team arriving to enter through the outfield gates and allow each team leaving to exit through the gates closest to the dugouts. This will help prevent crowding in common areas.
- It is highly recommended that all players and umpires use their own equipment while participating. This includes gloves, bats, water bottles etc. Equipment shared should be disinfected before and after every use.

- No touch rule: Players should refrain from hugs, handshakes, and other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, and spectators. A “tip of the cap” at the end of the game is suggested in lieu of the handshake lines.
- Immediately inform the league if a player or coach on your team tests positive for COVID 19. That player or coach should be quarantined for 14 days and seek medical care if needed.
- If a player, coach or parent test “Positive” and wishes to return before 14 calendar days quarantine, a COVID retest of “Negative” is required. This would be only if no symptoms displayed after 10 calendar days of quarantine. Documentation is required to be presented for safety.
- An attempt will be made to make up any games missed due to the COVID-19 related issues, but there are no guarantees.
- Any player, coach, or family actively disregarding any part of the COVID-19 mitigation plan may be removed from their team, and/or suspended from the league and forfeit any money paid to the league.

If you are not comfortable returning to play with assumed Covid-19 risk, then please inform the league that you will not be participating. This is an individual choice for everyone, and no one is forced to participate.

We thank you for your cooperation. Let’s play ball!