

Dorchester County Recreation & Parks Tee Ball Season 2021 COVID-19 Guidelines
Practices Start: Mid April | Games Begin: Monday, Last Week in April

The health and safety of our players, coaches, referees, parents, and volunteers is the Dorchester County Department of Recreation & Park's (DCDRP) utmost concern. These guidelines set forth the precautions that DCDRP intends to follow for the Tee Ball 2021 and throughout the DCDRP programs in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. These guidelines are based on recommendations from the CDC, the State of Maryland and Dorchester County Health Departments, and Dorchester County Department of Recreation & Parks.

If you, your child, or anyone you or your child has been in contact with is diagnosed with COVID-19, immediately notify your child's coach and the Dorchester County Recreation & Parks office at 410-228-5578.

I. General Guidelines

- All practice and game participants and attendees (coaches, players, parents, and referees) must conduct a self-health assessment before each practice and game. Do not attend practice or games if you do not feel well, have a cough or fever, or have been in contact with anyone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- Wash hands with soap and water frequently
- Do NOT attend practice or games if not feeling well
- Cover cough and sneezes
- Wear masks except when playing
- Avoid touching your face
- Physical Distance (6 ft) whenever possible
- Familiarize yourself with and follow CDC guidelines as well as those of the local health authorities. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

II. Coach's Responsibilities

- Inquire how the athletes are feeling and whether anyone has been in contact with a person with COVID-19. Send home anyone you believe acts or looks ill or has been in contact with an individual with COVID-19.
- Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer during breaks and before & after each practice and game.
- Wear a mask when at all possible.
- Have team observe physical distancing when at all possible.
- Utilize drills that allow for players and coaches to spread out and maintain physical distances.
- Have hand sanitizer available at all practices and games. (Hand sanitizer will be provided by DCDRP for each team)
- Disinfect any team equipment after all practices and games. (Will be provided by DCDRP)
- Team huddles should observe physical distancing.
- No handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, or unnecessary physical contact. No post game handshakes lines. Sportsmanship should be maintained in another manner within the confines of physical distancing and these guidelines.
- Direct players to maintain physical distancing (6 feet) with belongings (equipment, bags, water bottles, etc.) before, after, and during practice, games, and breaks. Players should have set areas to keep belongings and return to during breaks.

- Strict adherence to schedule. Prompt start and finish to all practices and games as scheduled. Prompt arrival and departure from field before and after each practice and game as well.

III. Player's Responsibilities

- Wash hands with soap & water or use hand sanitizer during breaks and before & after each practice and game.
- Do NOT share equipment. All players should have their own gloves.
- Bring your own water bottle labeled with your name to every practice and game. Do NOT share water bottles or drinks.
- Bring hand sanitizer to every practice and game.
- Observe physical distancing (6 feet) when possible at all times.
- Team huddles should observe physical distancing.
- No handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, or unnecessary physical contact.
- Promptly leave field after practices and games.
- Shower and wash all clothing and washable items after every practice and game.
- Disinfect non-washable equipment after every practice and game.

IV. Parents' Responsibilities

- If you, your child, or anyone you or your child has been in contact with or diagnosed with COVID-19, immediately notify child's coach and DCDRP office at 410-228-5578.
- Ensure that your player(s) complies with the Player's Responsibilities herein.
- Ensure that your player(s) has own water bottle and hand sanitizer for each practice and game.
- Wash hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer before and after taking any players to practices or games or coming in contact with any players or coaches.
- Bring hand sanitizer to each practice and game.
- Promptly drop off and pick up your player(s) from practices and games.
- Avoid carpooling unless necessary.
- Parents and are permitted for practices and games. Those from the same household may sit together. Anyone from different households should sit 6 feet apart.
- Bringing personal seating is recommended.
- When in possible contact with others outside of your family, please wear masks and observe physical distancing (6 feet) at all times.

Immediately separate any individual with COVID-19 symptoms (i.e., fever, cough, shortness of breath) at any DCDRP activity. Individuals who are sick should go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on how severe their symptoms are, and follow CDC guidance for caring for oneself and others who are sick. Individuals who have had close contact with a person who has symptoms will be separated and sent home as well.

If the DCDRP is notified, or becomes aware, of a member with COVID-19, in accordance with state and local privacy and confidentiality laws and regulations, DCDRP will remind the exposed or ill player or parent of the CDC self-isolation instruction and the need to contact their physician.

Within the bounds of confidentiality and with all due respect to individual's privacy, advise those who have had close contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay home and self-monitor for symptoms, and to follow CDC guidance if symptoms develop.



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Any individual diagnosed with COVID-19 will not be allowed to return to activity until providing a written clearance from a doctor and have met CDC's criteria to discontinue home isolation.

Assumption of the Risk and Waiver of Liability Relating to Coronavirus/COVID-19 The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. COVID-19 is extremely contagious and is believed to spread mainly from person-to person contact. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and federal and state health agencies recommend physical distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. The Dorchester County Department of Recreation and Parks has created new protocols and put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19; however, DCDRP cannot guarantee that you or your child(ren) will not become infected with COVID-19. Further, attending any program may increase your child(ren)s risk of contracting COVID-19.

In reviewing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to, or infected by COVID-19 by attending any Dorchester County Department of Recreation and Parks (DCDRP) Programs, and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the DCDRP program may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, employees, volunteers, and program participants and their families. I understand that any or all programs may be cancelled, without warning, if a suspected or positive case of COVID-19 is presented. I understand that if my child(ren) or myself voluntarily omits following DCDRP COVID-19 protocols, my child(ren) will not be allowed to participate and will be removed from the program. I voluntarily agree to assume all foregoing risks and accept sole responsibility for any injury to my child(ren) or myself including, but not limited to, personal injury, disability, and death, illness, damage, loss, claim, liability, or expense, of any kind, that I or my child(ren) may experience or incur in connection with my child(ren)s attendance at the DCDRP program. On my behalf, and on behalf of my child(ren)s, I hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless DCDRP, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from the Claims, including all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating thereto. I understand and agree that this release includes any Claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of DCDRP, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any DCDRP program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Print Name of Parent/Guardian

Name(s) of Participant(s) _____