



REOPENING REPUBLIC

REPUBLIC PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
2020 Youth Baseball & Softball League Modifications

YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

Season Begins June 1

In response to COVID-19, changes to the Bervin White Memorial Baseball/Softball Complex and general game rules and guidelines have been made for the 2020 season.

COACHES are responsible for their team members, team parents, and team fans.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- All players, coaches, spectators, umpires and other support staff are encouraged to continue social distancing on and off the field during nightly league play.
- All players should use their own equipment while participating. This includes gloves, bats, helmets, etc. whenever possible.

COMPLEX MODIFICATIONS

- Complex Zones
 - The complex has been divided up in to three (3) zones for the 2020 season.
 - Zone #1 – Fields 4 & 6
 - Zone #2 – Fields 1 & 3
 - Zone #3 – Fields 2 & 5
- Dedicated Gates for Each Zone
 - Dedicated gates and points of entry have been assigned for each zone.
 - Zones #1 & #2 should use the Northeast Gate (Access from Park Road Lot)
 - Zone #3 should use the Southwest Gate (Access from Miller Road Lot)
- Bleacher Seating
 - No spectator bleacher seating will be available for the 2020 season.
 - All patrons are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets.
- Common Area, Spectator Viewing
 - In an effort to limit a large gathering of people in the common area of the complex by the concession stand and restroom facility, only those spectators viewing games on Field #1 will be allowed to sit behind the backstop in this area.
 - "Premium View" Outfield Seating will be available and mandatory on Fields 2, 3, & 6. The spectator viewing areas for these fields will be in the outfield only and clearly marked on the grass. Spectators will be asked to seat themselves between the marked line and the outfield fence.
 - Spectator viewing for Fields 4 and 5 will be available all around the respective field with adequate room for social distancing.
- Dugouts
 - Expanded dugout areas will be made available to allow for social distancing.
 - All dugout areas will be cleaned and sanitized between each game.
 - No coaches or players will be allowed to enter the dugout areas until the team previously occupying the area has left and it has been cleaned and sanitized.
- Warm-Up Areas
 - Four (4) designated team warm-up areas have been identified within the complex.
 - Teams should utilize the warm-up area for their specific field or zone.
 - Warm-up areas are limited to coaches and players only.
- Other General Complex Rules/Guidelines
 - Drinking fountains will not be available. All players should bring their own water bottle.
 - No sunflower seeds will be allowed for the 2020 season.

GENERAL LEAGUE MODIFICATIONS & GUIDELINES

- Pre-Game Manager's Meeting
 - Limited to one coach per team and no players shall take part.
- Umpires
 - "Plate" Umpires for all player pitch games will call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher's mound.
 - No coaches will be allowed on the field to discuss or argue a call. Coaches must call the umpire to their dugout with all questions and remain 6' away.
- Game Balls
 - Game balls are to continue to be provided by each team. The umpire will wipe down game balls between each half inning.
- Catchers
 - Catchers may adjust their positioning in relation to the batter at the coach's discretion.
- Post-Game Handshakes & "Good Game" Line
 - Replaced with both teams lining up on their respective foul lines upon the conclusion of the game and tipping their caps in a show of sportsmanship.

RULE MODIFICATIONS

- For all 12u & 14u baseball leagues, leadoffs will not be allowed to eliminate "holding the runner on". Players in these leagues will be allowed to steal once the ball leaves the pitcher's hand.

GAME SCHEDULES

- Game schedules for the first two weeks of play will be released on May 28.
- League schedules have been adjusted to allow for 30 minutes in between each game. Please ensure your players and fans exit the facility promptly upon the conclusion of your game to allow time for the teams and fans of the next game to arrive.
- Coaches, players, and spectators are encouraged to wait to enter the complex until closer to your scheduled game time.



The City of Republic and the Republic Parks & Recreation Department appreciates your patience and understanding as we navigate through this difficult time and do our part to protect the health and safety of our Republic community. We look forward to getting back to the core of our mission statement - providing MEMORABLE EXPERIENCES! Be sure to follow us on Facebook (@republicparksandrec) for the latest updates and announcements.