



**CITY OF SURPRISE**  
PARKS AND RECREATION

## Guidelines for 2021 Winter Youth Sports

These unusual times have affected all parts of our lives and the way we do things. We also realize that things are constantly changing and we must prepare to make adjustments as needed. We will be following guidelines from the CDC, Governor's Executive Orders, National Recreation and Parks Association and AIA. We understand not everyone will have the same comfort with returning to play. We ask all staff, volunteers, patrons and participants show respect for others as we navigate through this season. Please be respectful to others and follow rules so we can continue to provide recreational opportunities to the City of Surprise Community. If you have, any questions please call 623.222.2000.

### **If you are, sick....Please Stay Home**

- We ask that if you do not feel well, have a fever, or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms; please stay home.
- If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, we ask that you do not come to a City of Surprise Youth Sports program until you have been cleared by a doctor or have had no symptoms for 10 days.
- We ask that if someone on your team has recently practiced or played in a game and has tested positive for COVID-19, notify our Surprise Youth Sports team immediately. Contact [Paul.Frie@surpriseaz.gov](mailto:Paul.Frie@surpriseaz.gov) or call 623.222.2240.

## Roles and Responsibilities

### **LEAGUE (CITY OF SURPRISE)**

- Follow all CDC, State and Local guidelines. Communicate and distribute the return to play guidelines as well as rules and policies.
- Train and educate all staff and volunteer coaches on return to play guidelines.
- We have decreased the overall amount of teams practicing on each field in order to provide increased area for teams to be able to physically distance.
- City of Surprise will no longer supply water at games and practices. We ask that all parents send their child with a labeled water bottle. No concessions available.
- Add additional benches for participants to physically distance.
- We will be adding 10 minutes between games for proper ingress and egress.
- Teams will not meet at midfield for meetings or huddle in between innings.
- No handshakes, high-fives or fist bumps will occur before or after games.
- Educate, inform and encourage compliance of all participants, coaches and spectators
- We have decreased roster size and added league specific rules to encourage distancing.

## VOLUNTEER COACHES

- Follow all CDC, State and Local guidelines.
- Wear a mask or face covering while coaching.
- Respect players, parents, and families by accommodating those that may not yet be comfortable with returning
- Inquire how participants are feeling prior to practice and game.
- Coaches will be responsible for picking up or placing training equipment.
- No sharing of water or snacks.
- Limit the sharing of equipment to a minimum and sanitize between uses.
- Modify drills /exercises and halftime or between inning talks to provide adequate physical distancing between coaches and players.
- Do not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to games or practice sites.
- No high fives, handshakes, or fist bumps.
- No team meetings on the game field after the games and must leave the field immediately so next team can enter.

## PARENT/SPECTATORS

- Respect players, parents, and families by accommodating those that may not yet be comfortable with returning
- Follow all CDC, State and Local guidelines
- All Spectators are required to wear a face covering and sit 6ft away from other families.
- **Only one (1) Spectator per player allowed at practices and games.**
- Check your child's temperature before coming to any practice or game.
- Notify the league and Coach immediately if your child becomes ill for any reason.
- Supply participant with individual sanitizer and/or please make sure your child washes hands prior to games and practices.
- Ensure all participants' practice and game equipment (shoes, ball, shin guards, glove, bat, helmet, etc.) are sanitized before and after all practices and games.
- Do not allow participant to share water, food or equipment.
- Ensure your child has a labeled water for practices and games.
- Adhere to physical distancing requirements. Be respectful to others. "Stay back" to keep proper distance with staff, officials and players at all times.
- Spectators are expected to bring their own chair and spread out to be physically distant during games and practices. NO BLEACHERS WILL BE AVAILABLE.
- Spectators will be asked to sit at least 6 feet back from the field of play and on the same sideline as their child's team.
- No high fives, handshakes, fist bumps or parent tunnels.
- Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to games or practice sites. Please exit the playing field / gym promptly after your practice or game.

## PARTICIPANTS

- Remember to be respectful to friends/teammates who may not be comfortable.
- Tell parents or coach if you do not feel well
- No sunflower seeds, chewing gum or candy. Refrain from touching eyes, nose & mouth.
- Place equipment, bags, etc. at least 6 feet apart from teammates.
- No high fives, handshakes, fist bumps or sharing equipment.
- Players should maintain proper physical distancing while not actively participating in a drill or exercise, during water breaks and in between activities.