

MECKLENBURG COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION

SUMMARY OF 2020 FALL KICKBALL PROTOCOLS FOR COVID-19

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation's 2020 Fall Adult Kickball league will follow DHHS recommendations and adhere to safety guidelines set forth by the State on North Carolina and Mecklenburg County.

- Players should not come to league games if they have any COVID-19 symptoms or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the last 14 days. Players should self-monitor their daily health (including temperature checks) and not come to games if feeling sick.
- Any player at high risk or with underlying medical conditions should get permission from a medical professional prior to participating in the league.
- All players should practice the 3 W's: wear a mask/face covering, wait 6 feet apart from others and wash hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- Players must wear masks/facial covers arriving and leaving game sites as well as at any time when 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained (Ex. restroom visits, not in the game, etc.).
- To promote limited interaction, players should wait in their cars at game sites until the field is cleared from the previous game. Teams must leave promptly after their games.
- Game times will be staggered with built in gaps to allow for safer team transitions.
- No spectators will be permitted at league games at this time.
- Dugouts will be closed, and players are encouraged to bring their own chairs and practice social distancing of at least 6 feet while not in the field.
- A maximum of 25 adults will be permitted on the field at any given time (including officials and staff). Teams should limit the number of subs and keep *game day* rosters to 15 players or less.
- Equipment should not be shared and should be disinfected if necessary. Players should have their own water bottles and keep all personal items away from others.
- It is recommended that new Kickballs and/or sanitized Kickballs be used at the start of each game and rotation of sanitized balls occur on a regular basis throughout the game.
- During game play, infielders and baserunners are still expected to maintain 6 feet distance when possible (dead ball situations, not involved in the play, etc.).
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available at game sites.
- No handshakes/personal contact celebrations. (No unnecessary physical contact).
- All players should refrain from spitting.
- Staff and umpires will be equipped with personal protective equipment and will communicate with players when necessary. 6 feet distance is mandatory during these interactions.
- Players will be required to sign a waiver form prior to participating.
- Player and/or team penalties including forfeiture of games will be administered if protocols are not adhered to. Team captains must stress the importance of following all protocols with their players.
- Safety of all participants is our highest priority and adjustments to these protocols can be expected based on further guidance from Federal, State and Local agencies.