



## Baseball Event Management Protocol – Spring 2021

### Requirements

1. Spectators will be allowed with proper social distancing protocol in place. Institutions must enforce no access to dugout areas by spectators and/or parents. Institutions can enforce more strict attendance policies that may more accurately reflect institutional and local guidelines.
2. Travel rosters will follow the NJCAA National Championship Roster – a maximum of 35 individuals; Thirty (30) eligible players, four (4) assistant coaches/bench personnel recognized by the institution and 1 Head Coach.
3. Temperature checks are required of all individuals associated with the game, as they enter the facility
4. Screening is required of all individuals associated with the match, as they enter the facility. Region XIX will utilize the NJCAA COVID-19 Daily Screening Questionnaire.
5. Teams should arrive in uniform. Locker rooms will not be available for teams, however bathrooms must be made available, following local guidelines for occupancy.
6. Face coverings or masks covering your nose and mouth, are required of all individuals associated with the game at all times.
7. Face Coverings must be worn at all times when social distancing cannot be maintained by all parties, to include: inquiry of calls between umpire and coach, mound visits between coach, pitcher, catcher or defensive personnel.
8. Face Coverings must be worn at all times in the dugout and where social distancing cannot be maintained in the bullpen
9. Teams are required to bring their own water bottles
10. Liquid hand sanitizer must be made available on both benches/dugout areas
11. Pre-Game Meeting at home plate will be restricted to the umpires and Head Coach from each institution. The meeting will be conducted with proper PPE and will follow social distancing guidelines.
  - a. As per NCAA Baseball Covid-19 Rules Waivers, it is recommended that the Head Coach does not enter the dirt circle around home plate to ask a question about a call at the plate, when making a line-up change or during the pre-game/home plate meeting. This is a waiver of Rules 3.6.e; 3.3;5.5; and Appendix E
12. Sunflower seeds, gum, and/or spitting should not be permitted, as this practice increases the likelihood of spreading respiratory droplets/saliva.
13. Athletes should not lick their fingers and should limit contact with their face and mouth as much as possible, particularly pitchers. A wet rag dampened with water will be permitted in the pitcher's back pocket to discourage from going to the mouth or blowing on their hand before delivering the pitch.
  - a. This is a waiver of Rules 9.2.d and 9.2.e Note 3.
14. No Post-Game handshakes should occur with opposing teams, umpires, and should be avoided within teams to avoid close contact without proper PPE.
15. If consecutive competitions (doubleheaders or tournament play) are taking place at the same facility between different teams, the dugouts/bullpen areas should be sanitized and every seat in the bench areas should be cleaned and sanitized.

## Recommendations

1. Teams should travel with a “sanitization kit” consisting of wipes/spray and disinfectant
2. Student-athletes should be treated by home athletic trainer before departure for away games whenever possible. The host athletic trainer will be available for emergency and injury treatment only.
3. It is recommended that mound visits are limited to Coach, Pitcher, and Catcher and that all parties must wear a mask, if social distancing cannot be maintained during the visit. If the entire infield should be part of a mound visit, face coverings must be worn by all parties.
4. Hand sanitizer stations should be present in bullpen areas in addition to the dugouts where applicable
5. All shared athletic equipment, including the balls, bats, etc., should be cleaned before, intermittently during, and after competitions. Helmets, gloves, batting gloves, bats, rosin bags and other personal equipment should not be shared.
6. Avoid home-run celebrations at home plate
7. Avoid the exchanging of personal equipment (batting gloves, gloves, helmets) with teammates in-between innings.
8. No extra-curricular or social activity should take place after the game. No congregation after competition. All student-athletes should leave the facility immediately after the team has completed competition.
9. Additional signage may be necessary to identify restricted spectator areas.

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