

As Governor Abbott recently announced, youth sports are authorized to resume practices beginning May 31, 2020 and games and tournaments June 15, 2020. As we return to the field, SPSA will be utilizing the following protocols for the near future to ensure we are part of the push to minimize and eliminate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We understand that everyone has to make their own decisions that they feel are best for them and their family and we want you to know that as we return, we will do so with safety first and foremost in our minds. SPSA will continue to monitor and follow all required practices communicated by the CDC, Federal and Local governments, SPLID and SPRAI. All participation in SPSA, and any other activities at Camp Sienna, is at your own risk.

1. All spectators should continue to practice common-sense, safe, social distancing. Parents and spectators in individual groups of no more than 10 persons will be allowed to sit around the fences (baselines, outfield and around home plate) of each field to observe games and practices. Each group should maintain 6 foot spacing when feasible. No spectators will be allowed in stands as these will be used as additional space for players. On field 6, parents and spectators may enter the field through the service gates located down the 1st and 3rd base foul lines and set up chairs behind the temporary fencing in the outfield. SPSA will mark out areas for you to sit around the fields.
2. If anyone in your household displays any type of symptoms of COVID-19 or any other illness, players should remain at home. If you experience any type of symptoms, please contact Daniel Purvis at 832-594-1788 immediately. SPSA recommends checking the temperature of your player before going to practice or games.
3. Players should sanitize their equipment before and after practices/games. Sharing of equipment is discouraged as much as possible for the near future. If you need a piece of equipment, please let your Coach know and SPSA will attempt to find a piece for you to use.
4. SPSA and SPRAI/SPLID will attempt to sanitize common areas as much as possible, however we can't sanitize every place. Participation in SPSA and any other activity in Camp Sienna is "at your own risk." Your decision to return to play indicates your acceptance of this.
5. Players should practice as much social distancing as possible when in the dugout. We will use the stands as overflow and additional space for players to put equipment and sit during games.
6. No post games handshakes or celebration circles will be allowed.

7. During practices, players should place all equipment along fence outside dugouts, inside the field spaced apart.
8. Teams arriving for practice and leaving practice should exit and enter in different gates (for example, if the team practicing is leaving through 3rd base dugout, team entering practice should enter from 1st base dugout. We will also have a 15-minute buffer between each team practice.
9. Teams arriving for games should wait for teams finishing games to completely exit dugout before entering. Teams leaving fields at the conclusion of their games should exit through the service gates located further down 1st and 3rd base foul lines.
10. Players should have their own water bottles and towels and should not share with any other player. All water bottles and towels should be clearly labeled.
11. No batting cage practices will resume. Only field practices will resume at this time.
12. T-Ball will not resume at this time.
13. Post-game team snacks/drink will not be allowed. All players should provide their own snacks if necessary.

We are excited to be able to resume playing the game of softball but realize that not everyone may be as comfortable returning at this time. Please communicate with your Coaches through Teamsnap, directly or through spssoftballassociation@gmail.com your desire to play or not by May 28, 2020. If you communicate with us through email, please include player name, age group and team name. Some teams may need to be consolidated to ensure enough players are on a team. If you do not communicate to us your decision, we will assume you will NOT be playing.

In order to finish the season, we will be following a different schedule. While that schedule has not been finalized, we are anticipating practicing for a couple of weeks and then playing weeknight games until mid-July. We will be attempting to avoid weekend games. We are also working with other organizations in the neighborhood to avoid overlapping schedules. Depending on the number of teams, we are planning on scheduling each age groups games separately from other age groups. For example, 12U will play one night, 10U will play another night. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing everyone back at the fields!

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