



AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL DEPARTMENT OF TENNESSEE



COVID-19 Prevention Policy

The Department of Tennessee American Legion Baseball believes it is essential to the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of participants of the program to return to athletic activity as soon as deemed safe. However, the health and safety of these participants is vital. Therefore, we are requiring that all participants, involved in any of our organized activities, to be screened by a Manager/Coach before being allowed to participate in ANY organized activity.

The TN ALB program will expand the First-Aid Kit requirement in Rule 1 of the official American Legion Baseball Rulebook that states, "Each team must have a first-aid kit in the dugout at each game." to, "Each team must have a first-aid kit in the dugout at each game and at all other organized activities, that includes hand sanitizer, disposable gloves, extra mask, disinfecting wipes and a working non-contact infrared digital thermometer."

A Manager/Coach must complete a screening of all participants using the following criteria as a guide when conducting any organized activity of the Tennessee American Legion Baseball Program when utilizing the name, insignia, logo, patch, trademark or any other applied affiliation.

Answering questions truthfully will allow all participants to receive the needed evaluation to safely return to athletics, while helping prevent other team members and coaches from being put at risk for contracting the COVID-19 virus or causing the quarantine of some individuals or possibly an entire team.

Screening Questions by the Manager/Coach

In the last 14 days have you experienced:

A fever (temperature more than 100.4° Fahrenheit or 38° Celsius)?

Shaking or chills?

A new or worsening cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?

Racing heart, heart skipping beats or fluttering of the heart?

Unusual dizziness, particularly with exercise?

Fatigue or difficulty with exercise?

A sore throat different than associated with seasonal allergies?

New loss of taste or smell?

Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea?

Do you have anyone in your household who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Have you been in contact with anyone infected with COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

Mask Mandate

The State of Tennessee has adopted the policy of allowing localities to determine the procedures for masking and social distancing. The TN ALB program will expand on the those policies and require that all Managers, Staff Members, Players, and Umpires must wear face coverings and social distance during organized activities. Participants can remove face coverings when a distance of 15 feet can be obtained when acting in his/her official role and responsibility, such as addressing the team or providing instruction to participants.



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The following recommendations have been identified to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus and will be adopted by the TN ALB program.

- Only one Manager/Coach will meet at home plate for pre-game instruction with the umpire.
- No contact celebrating, such as, high fives, hugging, post game handshakes, etc.
- Exclude spitting and sunflower seeds in dugout.
- Pitching mound visits will be conducted at the base of the mound with defensive players maintaining social distancing of 6 feet.
- Check-in stations for participants arriving to an organized activity.
- No shared water coolers, unless gloves and wipes are used.
- No shared equipment unless a plan is established to disinfect each use.
- Dugout sanitation before, during and after games, practices and tryouts.

In closing, our main objective is to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus and play baseball for the 2021 season. These policies, procedures and guidelines are a temporary solution until the spread of this virus can be reduced to safe levels. We, at the Department of Tennessee, hope that these measures will be eliminated in the near future and we as an organization can enjoy a sense of normality.

ATTENTION

Managers/Coaches can be subjected to disciplinary action, to include written reprimand, fines, suspension and removal for not adhering to required policies and procedures by the Department of Tennessee American Legion Baseball Committee with approval from the Department Commander or Adjutant.