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ESBA Policy Regarding COVID19 – Fall 2020

The safety and well-being of all our participants is always of paramount concern to ESBA. As it relates to COVID-19, we have to walk a fine line between balancing privacy rights of those affected, and also making sure our membership is aware of positive cases in our community so that proper health and safety decisions can be made. Going forward, our policy regarding positive tests at ESBA, be it a player, coach or parent, or another member of household will be as follows:

1. Once a coach is aware of a positive test on their team (player, coach, parent, other guardian, or other member of household), the head coach shall immediately notify their team and a member of the ESBA Board of Directors.
2. ESBA Board of Directors will share the details of the case with all current ESBA Head Coaches while maintaining strict confidentiality (unless permissions has been given to use names). ESBA will provide as much detail as possible regarding the case so that those that may have had contact with the affected person can make informed decisions about their personal situation. Head coaches will then share this information with their teams.
3. ESBA will require those that may be affected to follow relevant CDC guidance regarding possible quarantine and isolation.
4. If a coach or player tests positive, ESBA will require that team to cease all baseball activities until it is clear per CDC guidelines that there is no further health risk (14 days). We must assume that there has been sustained direct contact between the positive test case and other players/coaches. We will attempt to make up all games as per rainout policy, but it is possible the season will end with teams having played an uneven number of games.

Here are some links to relevant CDC guidance on these issues:

1. When can I be around others after testing positive for COVID19?
 - a. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprevent-getting-sick%2Fwhen-its-safe.html
2. When to Quarantine or Isolate?
 - a. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine-isolation.html>
3. What if I have had close contact to someone with COVID19?
 - a. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/public-health-recommendations.html>
4. What if I have had close contact to someone with COVID19 but I tested negative?
 - a. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/testing.html>

ESBA is committed to keeping our players, coaches, and parents as safe as possible. If the case count continues to climb and we see further cases here at East Side, then all options will be on the table, including possible shutting down the season. **If over half the regular season has been played, there will not be any refunds.**

Thank you in advance for your compliance with the above policy. Please also do not forget about our COVID policy regarding practices and games at East Side which is detailed out on the next few pages. It is vitally important that we comply with these policies to help limit the spread of COVID19 in our community.

ESBA Board of Directors

Policy for ESBA Team Practices:

1. All participants, coaches, and spectators must maintain 6-foot distancing while at the park
2. Any person exhibiting COVID or Flu like symptoms is prohibited from attending ESBA events (parents should take player temperature prior to arrival at the ballpark. If over 100.4, then child must not attend practice)
3. Players and coaches are encouraged but not required to wear PPE items of their choice
4. Teams will refrain from high fives, handshakes, elbow bumps, group celebrations etc..
5. Coaches will limit team meeting but to the extent not possible, players and coaches will maintain social distancing during these meetings
6. Social distancing rules apply in dugouts as well
7. Players will not share equipment (Helmets, bats, catcher gear)
8. Players should bring their own snacks, i.e. no shared/communal snacks/Drinks
9. Arriving teams and departing teams should maintain proper social distancing in the event of overlap (See item 12)
10. Player equipment should be spaced at least 6 feet apart along the fence line
11. Field use will be limited to a maximum of 50 people per State guidelines
12. There will be at least a 15 minute gap between assigned practice slots to allow for safe entrance and exit between teams
13. Each team will dedicate a parent or coach to monitor these guidelines during team practice
14. Players and parents will be encouraged to bring hand sanitizer and utilize it before and after practice

Policy for ESBA Games:

The policies below apply to any ESBA game or scrimmage:

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2. Any person exhibiting COVID or Flu like symptoms is prohibited from attending ESBA events (parents should take player temperature prior to arrival at the ballpark. If over 100.4, then child must not attend games)
3. Players and coaches are encouraged but not required to wear PPE items of their choice
4. Teams will refrain from high fives, handshakes, elbow bumps, group celebrations etc..
5. Coaches will limit team meeting but to the extent not possible, players and coaches will maintain social distancing during these meetings

6. Dugouts can be utilized, if available, but social distancing still applies. As such, players will need to spread out outside the dugouts if dugouts do not allow for proper social distancing
7. Players will not share equipment (Helmets, bats, catcher gear, pitcher's masks etc..)
8. Players should bring their own snacks, i.e. no shared/communal snacks/drinks
9. Arriving teams and departing teams should maintain proper social distancing
10. Player equipment should be spaced at least 6 feet apart along the fence line
11. Field use will be limited to a maximum of 50 people per State guidelines (This would include umpires and coaches)
12. Each team will dedicate a parent or coach to monitor these guidelines during team practice
13. It is understood that social distancing cannot be enforced 100% during gameplay (i.e. catcher/batter, 1B/runner). Coaches may call time if contact occurs between players on the field to provide disinfectant.
14. Players and parents will be encouraged to bring hand sanitizer and utilize it before and after practice
15. Home Plate meeting will be a no touch meeting with proper social distancing
16. Teams should employ alternative end of game acknowledgement to other teams such as tipping of the hat or yelling good game

Gameplay Changes

1. **Masks (Pitcher/Catcher)** will not be distributed to teams.
 - a. Shetland/Pinto – Catcher can wear own mask OR use batting helmet but, in that case, must stand off to the side to avoid foul tips. Each team will be responsible for ensuring their pitcher has an appropriate mask while ensuring that mask is not shared among team.
 - b. Mustang-Colt – Catcher gear will be distributed, but not masks. Each player that catches must supply their own mask.
2. **Sub Policy** – Teams will not be allowed to use subs from other teams to fill in in the event of a short roster. Teams will be allowed to utilize players from opposing team to play outfield if a team has a short roster. Those players will be the last batted outs from the opposing team.

Other League Changes

1. **Evals** – To avoid the large crowds on eval day, we will not be having evals this season.
2. **Concessions** – Concessions will be closed for the duration of fall season

Important Dates

1. **7/16/20** – Registration Opens
2. **8/1/20** – Last day to register to avoid late fees
3. **8/29/20** – Games Begin