

## Requirements for Attendance

- Charles County Residents Only
- Participants are asked to arrive no more than 10-15 minutes prior to the start of the program.
- Participants will be required to either be picked up and/or leave the immediate program area immediately after the program is completed.
- Parent or guardian will verbally sign in participants each day.
- Participants, coaches, and volunteers will be required to complete a health screening questionnaire and have temperature checked each day of program.
- Masks are required at check in.
- To the best extent possible, individuals engaged in sport programs and at the venue shall wear a face covering, especially when social distancing is not feasible. Face coverings are not recommended when outside on very hot days due to the risk of heat injury.
- Water bottle (preferred with a covered mouthpiece) with enough water to make it through the duration of the program should be brought to the field daily by the participant.
- NO sharing of any personal items or belongings.
- Sunscreen must be applied by the parent prior to checking in to the program each day.
- Participants must be able to self-medicate. Recreation staff will not administer any medications to participants.
- Parents must provide dependable contact information and capable of being present within 30-minutes of receiving notification if their child needs to be picked up early (i.e. inclement weather, illness)

## Arrival & Pick Up

- Participants are asked to arrive no more than 10-15 minutes prior to the start of the program.
- All participants will report to Field B check in table at White Plains Park.
- At arrival, participants will be required to arrive to their designated program location at each facility and report the welcome table.
- Each day participants will be asked to complete a health screening questionnaire and have their temperature checked. Hand sanitizer will be available, and parents will verbally check their child in. Upon completion, participants will be directed to join their assigned group at their designated areas at the site.
- Parents are asked to apply sunscreen to their child prior to arrival.
- A parent or guardian must physically pick up their child at the conclusion of the program each day.
- Only one (1) adult will be allowed to attend or be a spectator at their child's program.
- Siblings and friends that are not enrolled in the program may not attend or spectate. All participants must follow social distancing guidelines while in attendance.
- Failure to follow guidelines may result in removal from program.

## Face Covering

- Staff should wear face coverings when interacting with players and parents unless it is not safe to do so, especially when social distancing is not possible.
- To the extent possible, individuals engaged in the sport programs and at the venue shall wear a face covering, especially when social distancing is not feasible.
- Face coverings are not recommended when outside on very hot days due to the risk of heat injury.
- All participants are strongly encouraged to wear masks when social distancing is not feasible.
- Guidelines are all in accordance with direction from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Maryland Department of Health.

## **Social Distancing**

- Every effort will be made to limit contact and promote social distancing.
- Participants will be assigned to designated areas on the field and instructed to stand 6 ft apart prior to morning stretches.
  - Once stretches are done teams will be split evenly and guided to a section on the field that is 6ft apart. This will be their team assignments for the entire duration of the program.
- During restroom and water breaks, participants will be asked to maintain 6 feet of distance and sanitation of doorknobs and high touch surfaces will occur between each user group.
- Program staff will create plans for foot traffic patterns for each site and provide social distance markers for any location where parents or participants maybe expected to be in lines or grouped for any period of time.
- Dugouts will not be used for this program. A designated section for the batter on deck well be implemented. The rest of the players on the kicking team must be lined up along the fence, six (6) ft apart.
- Recreation staff will wipe down the game ball with a disinfecting wipe after each play prior to it being put back into play. Multiple balls will be used to help facilitate faster game play.
- We encourage the use of gloves while playing.
- High fives and fist bumps are not allowed.
- Field players should remain at least 6 feet away from bases and the home plate when they are occupied unless they are making a play.
- Due to the nature of the game, some interactions closer than 6 feet will take place such as tagging a player out.

## **Illness or Suspected COVID-19 Infection**

- At the time of check in, all participants will be required to complete a COVID-19 health screening questionnaire and have their temperature checked.
  - Answering "Yes" to any of these questions will result in participant not being allowed to participate in any of our programs until they have been self-quarantined for 14 days as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- Recreation staff and instructors will also complete the daily COVID-19 health screening questionnaire and have their temperatures checked at the start of each workday.
- If a child or staff display or report any COVID-19 symptoms, onsite staff will follow our accident and incident reporting procedures, and if possible, will directly contact the Risk Management Office.
  - The person in question will be sent home and not allowed to return until all guidelines on COVID-19 have been satisfied.
- Families and staff will be required to notify Charles County Recreation, Parks, and Tourism immediately of any COVID-19 positive case in their household while our programs are ongoing and/or two (2) days following their program completion.

## **Staffing**

- Staff should wear face coverings when interacting with players, coaches and parents, unless it is not safe to do so, especially when social distancing is not possible.
- Staff will be responsible for maintaining cleanliness and sanitation of any equipment and high touch surfaces.
- Our staff will be expected to wear mask during any group situations, while cleaning, or have one on one contact with either a parent or participant.
- Staff will comprise mostly of full time Recreation Division employees.
  - They will be tasked with overall supervision, cleaning & sanitation, and facilitating of the program. To limit contact, we will designate one (1) staff person to handle functions not directly related to facilitation of the programs themselves. This person may be utilized as a back up to instructional staff if the need presents itself.

## Weather

- Outdoor summer programs are inclined to interruptions due to inclement weather. Programs will follow the National Weather Service recommendations regarding extreme heat:
  - Heat Index 105° plus – All outdoor activities are canceled.
  - Heat Index 94° - 104° - Modify activities with additional water breaks.
  - Heat Index 84° - 93° - Modify activities with additional water breaks.
  - Below 84° - Breaks every 30 min for rehydration.
- Depending on the program, rain showers may or may not impact the program's operating schedule.
  - Sports programs will be held in rain as long as field conditions remain suitable. If field conditions deteriorate and become unsafe the program may be canceled or moved to another location.
- Participants will be notified as soon as possible if a program is canceled due to unsafe field conditions because of rain.
- Decisions will be made no later than 6:30 a.m. If weather threatens the morning schedule. If a notification to cancel has not been sent out by then a decision will be made at the field.
- If thunder and/or lightning can be heard or seen, participants, spectators, and staff are in danger. Some programs may be able to shelter in place. Others must be stopped, and protective shelter sought immediately. If either event should occur, 30 minutes will be allowed to pass after the last sound of thunder and/or lightning.
- Unannounced severe weather requiring early closures will result in participants needing to be picked up by no later than 30-minutes from contact being made with the parents.
  - During that time, participants will be moved to cover that will allow for proper social distancing until parents arrive. Failure to pick up within 30-minutes, may result in restrictions on registering for future programs.
- Inclement Weather Announcements: [www.charlescountyparks.com/about-us/notification-system](http://www.charlescountyparks.com/about-us/notification-system)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/CharlesCountyParksRecreation](http://www.facebook.com/CharlesCountyParksRecreation)

## Registration Requirement & Refund Plan

- Registration will be conducted online only and will close 24 hours prior to the start of the program.
- All programs will follow established Department of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism guidelines regarding refunds.
- Full refunds may be provided if cancellation is due to federal, local, and state guidelines or mandates.
- Go to [www.charlescountyparks.com/about-us/refund-request](http://www.charlescountyparks.com/about-us/refund-request) for more details.