**Virginia Baseball Tournaments - 2021 Season**

**FOLLOW ALL CDC, STATE & LOCAL GUIDELINES!**

1. Bleachers, picnic area and area behind home plate may be blocked off to fans/spectators. Bottom row of bleachers will be reserved for team/player seating as needed. At War Memorial Stadium, fans are asked to maintain a social distance of at least 10 feet in the seating area.
2. Fans/spectators will be encouraged to spread out along the foul lines and outfield fence while watching the games. They will be encouraged to wear facemasks. Teams have the option of wearing PPE. Base coaches are encouraged to do so.
3. Umpires may wear PPE or masks when behind the plate.
4. Schedules, start times will be scattered and one team will vacate the dugout and it will be sanitized by staff before the next team arrives. Upon arriving at a dugout for the first time, teams are also asked to disinfect hard surface areas (benches, bat racks, etc). This will comply with the CDC recommendation of a two-step process for cleaning and disinfecting.
5. Any playgrounds will be off limits and blocked.
6. No player or coach handshakes before, during, or after the games.
7. Bathrooms will be cleaned and disinfected throughout the day.
8. No on-field meetings after the game. Teams and fans are asked to gather belongings and exit stadium in a timely fashion.
9. Lunch and breaks should be in areas away from the complex. No team lunch gatherings at facility.
10. We encourage parents to supply their players with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for disinfecting shared playing equipment and cleaning hands between innings.
11. Coaches will be given awards at the end of the tournament to give to players.
12. No sunflower seeds, nuts or gum permitted or sold at the complex.
13. Games will be limited to a 1:45 time limit. No new inning starts after 1:30. This will help move teams in and out of the ballpark with limited interaction.
14. Teams will receive a dozen baseballs to use throughout the tournament. They will need to place their team’s initials on the balls to use when on defense…if they run out, teams will need to use their own baseballs (again, marked with their team’s initials).
15. There may be additional guidelines as we continue to work to keep everyone safe throughout the pandemic!