

## **PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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### **Baseball and Softball Modifications and Recommendations:**

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In an effort to maintain the safety of players and spectators for practices/games at the Branson RecPlex Ball Fields, the following modifications and recommendations have been established:

1. Teams will be assigned specific points of entry for practices and games to avoid congestion and close contact. Games on Fields #1 and #2 will use the main gate. Field #3 will enter and exit through Pavilion C on the east end of the complex. Field #4 will enter on the side gate on the west end of the complex.
2. Parents/guardians will be encouraged to view practices from their cars or from outside the facility along the outfield fences.
3. Spectators will be allowed into the complex for games, and will be required to sit in designated spectator viewing areas located along the foul lines. Additional seating is available outside the complex along the outfield fences.
4. All spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs or blankets. Bleachers will not be available for seating.
5. Spectators are required to adhere to all social distancing requirements and asked to not congregate with non-family members. The most vulnerable populations are discouraged from attending games at this time.
6. All parents/guardians are encouraged to provide their own hand sanitizers and disinfecting supplies.
7. There will be no pre-game manager's meetings.
8. Dugout areas for players will be expanded, and will be moved to the bleachers to allow appropriate social distancing. Dugouts will only be used as a "pass-through" as access to the field from the bleachers.
9. Only players and coaches will be allowed in the designated dugout areas.
10. Designated dugout areas (bleachers) will be sanitized between each game.
11. Umpires will call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher's mound.
12. Each team will be provided 2 balls at the beginning of each game to be used by their team only. Balls will be returned to the umpire at the conclusion of each game.
13. Post-game handshakes will be eliminated and will be replaced by a "tip of the cap" to the opposing team at the completion of games.
14. Players are encouraged to provide their own helmets if possible. Helmets will be provided to players each game if needed. Players should use their designated helmet throughout the game and avoid sharing with other players.



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15. Teams are discouraged from utilizing shared water coolers. Each player should provide their own water bottle or drink.
16. No sunflower seeds will be allowed.