

ASAA Softball State Championships COVID-19 Requirements

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Points of Emphasis

- We will not allow any softball event to take place unless all protocols can be followed.
- We recommend that people who are at increased risk for severe illness including coaches, students, staff and officials, consult with their health care provider to determine whether participation in activities or events is prudent under the circumstances. Information from the CDC on who are at increased risk can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/>
- There will be a designated individual on site responsible for monitoring and following all screening, cleaning, and social distancing protocols.
- Teams are required to screen their participants prior to arriving at the venue and submit a report to ASAA upon arriving at the field.
- Teams are responsible to bring their own towels, hand sanitizer and medical kits. OPA will be onsite.

Facilities

- Cleaning and disinfecting will be conducted in compliance with CDC. The most current guidelines can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/clean-disinfect/index.html>
- There will be no bleachers. Spectators need to observe the 6 feet of physical distancing between all non-household groups when finding a location to stand. If they wish to sit they will need to bring their own chair.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all attendees. Announcements will be made encouraging all individuals to use often.
- Concessions will be available.

Attendees

- Prior to attending advisors, coaches, supervisors & participants must sign a waiver of liability related to COVID-19.
- Teams should leave the facility following the conclusion of their last game of the day.
- Spectators must leave immediately following the conclusion of the game they came to watch.
- All attendees must have a mask on at all times .This includes but not limited to coaches, athletes, spectators, officials, media, and anyone else in attendance. (See Mask Protocols)
- Players may remove their masks when they take the field. Masks must be put back on when they leave the field and return to the dugout.
- Individuals must bring their own water bottle that is labeled and filled. No sharing of water bottles.

- No pre or post-game handshakes or high fives between teams.
- Avoid all non-sport related contact. Example: high fives, fist/elbow bumps, group celebrations, huddles, etc.

2021 ASAA Softball Operational Details

- Follow all NFHS Softball Rules Considerations.
- Teams are to come dressed to play.
- Game balls will be provided.
- Plastic shields covering the entire face will not be allowed in softball due to the risk of unintended injury to the person wearing the shield or others.
- Dugouts are limited to essential personnel.
- Because yelling and cheering are discouraged artificial noise makers that do not interfere with the official's whistle are allowed. No use of airhorns or megaphones.