

Wyoming Department of American Legion Baseball On-Field Operations Addendum No. 1 for Games

(This game plan is an addendum to the May 4, 2020, practice plan)

May 15, 2020

Operating in a COVID-19 Environment

Safety is our No. 1 Priority

The purpose of this plan is to safely move forward with baseball games beginning Wednesday, May 20, with a safety-first, socially-distanced approach. Our 2020 goal is a successful baseball season and to crown Wyoming state champions.

We are all accountable to this plan. We are being watched. Be safe.

Beginning Wednesday, May 20, Wyoming Department of American Legion Baseball baseball games may begin with these restrictions:

- **Only teams with returned Wyoming Department of American Legion waivers (one PDF file with all “playing” players emailed to gowyobeers@gmail.com) will be allowed to play on May 20. A signed waiver by each player/parent is required**
- **Players and coaches must be healthy to be at the ballpark;** players’ health will be monitored by coaches, and coaches health will be monitored by the local boards of directors
- **Teams must maintain 6 feet of separation** whenever possible
- **Each team is considered a group; each team must stay in its own area** (or side of the field)
- **Baseball field dugouts are a “confined space” so an entire team cannot be in a dugout at one time.** Team members/coaches are required to seek separation outside the dugout off the playing field; outside of the field, the player social distancing mandate will be the responsibility of the coaches
- **During games through May 31, only 25 people are allowed on the playing field at a time. This 25-person requirement includes 2 umpires, coaches, and members of each team**
- **Home plate umpire will wear mask and gloves (no white masks or white gloves)**
- **No team meetings between innings or in dugouts**

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- **Team travel is at the discretion of local board of directors**, including overnight sleeping arrangements

- **An entry and exit plan will exist for players for doubleheaders and in-season and postseason tournaments.** No postgame handshakes between teams, coaches or players, or pregame handshakes between coaches/umpires. No gatherings of players outside the playing field. Players/coaches will exit fields at different times as soon as possible after the completion of games

- **During tournaments, teams will enter the ballpark when called to do so by cell phone by local tournament director or Wyoming Department of American Legion Staff** (2 teams will enter, prepare, play, leave, and then two more teams will enter after dugouts, restrooms are cleaned). Expect 30 minutes after a game ends before the next 2 teams are allowed to enter facilities. Warmup period may take place at another facility, and batting cages may/may not be available.

- **Grandstand seating will be policed by each team's board of directors with strict 6-foot social distancing being enforced;** the only exception is "immediate family" (parents, siblings, grandparents)

- **Fans and/or immediate family will be allowed to enter ballpark after both teams for a game are on the playing field. Fans will be required to leave ballpark prior to players exiting the ballpark**

- **Concession stands will be allowed to operate in a socially-distanced manner. No more than 2 customers at the counter (6 feet apart). Lines socially-distanced (6 feet apart). Only bottled soft drinks/water allowed. No self-serve condiments allowed (provide packets with meal)**

Other mandatory team/player restrictions: No team water jugs; no sunflower seeds; bring your own drinks, use your own; **team indoor facilities are closed through May 31**; required hand washing or hand sanitizing by teams after each at-bat (home team will provide these stations at the field); Restrooms will be cleaned before and after each game; batting gloves are required; bats and other equipment cleaned after every game; each player will have a batting helmet, and the helmet will be assigned to the player only. Helmet cleaning required after every game by coach/board member (multi-colored helmets are OK); catchers gear cleaning after every game by coach/board member.

It's incumbent upon each of us to practice good hygiene before, at, and after ballgames. If you or anyone in your immediate family is diagnosed with COVID-19, a mandatory quarantine is necessary. It is also important that if you do not feel good or experience any signs of COVID-19 that you stay home and seek medical assistance. Anyone displaying symptoms of COVID-19 (stuffy nose, fever, cough, etc.) should not come to practice. Remember that Safety is our No. 1 Priority.