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## COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

In addition to strict adherence to State and Local orders regarding COVID-19, Future Events Group, Inc. ("FEG") and/or Best of the West will monitor evolving CDC guidelines. The precautions below are created specifically for the teams participating in the Best of the West tournament.

### 1. ARRIVAL

- a. If a Participant is coming from an area that is quarantined, he must inform coach and/or staff and will require a 14-day quarantine.
- b. Participants should inform staff if they have been in contact within the past 14 days of anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

### 2. ARRIVAL TO FACILITIES

- a. Before leaving for the Facilities, Participants should evaluate if they are feeling ill and if so, not travel to the premises.
- b. All Participants must adhere to six-foot physical distancing, while at the facility.
- c. Participants are strongly recommended to travel to Facilities alone or only with a member of their immediate household.
- d. Health check-in and logging of all Participants, coaches, umpires, and staff at every event. Individuals with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will not be allowed to enter the facility and enter the tournament's symptomatic protocol for confirmed or suspected cases.

### 3. PRACTICE

- a. Face coverings are recommended for those not in play and/or on the bench and especially when six-foot distancing is difficult to maintain.
- b. Participants should bring individual water containers.
- c. Hand washing or hand sanitizing (in the absence of soap and water) are strongly recommend for Participants during practice and games.
- d. Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should be in Participant owned equipment bags and not shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitization should be administered between users.
- e. For each practice session, it is recommended that coaches divide Participants into groups and establish rotating shifts when possible.
- f. Only necessary Participants shall be in the dugout, with six-foot social distancing. Other space outside of the dugout, in the bullpens, and in the stadium should be used to spread out.

#### **4. PERSONAL HYGIENE**

- a.** All Participants should refrain from eating, spitting, or touching their faces during all events. Sunflower seeds, chewing tobacco and gum are not permitted.
- b.** If Participants are sneezing or coughing, they should walk away from others and sanitize their hands before returning to their previous location.
- c.** Hand washing or hand sanitizing (in the absence of soap and water) are strongly recommend for Participants during practice and games.
- d.** All Participants should make sure that all their personal items are clean and sanitary upon arrival at all events.

#### **5. SPECTATORS**

- a.** If the State has a limit to the number of spectators that will be allowed to attend the game, the two teams playing are required to monitor and not go over that limit.
- b.** Hand washing or hand sanitizing (in the absence of soap and water) is strongly recommended during games.

#### **6. COACHES**

- a.** Coaches should help ensure the Participants and themselves are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas.
- b.** It is recommended that coaches wear a face covering while not actively participating on the field of play.
- c.** Any individual, group, or team meetings should be held at a six-foot distance.

#### **7. UMPIRES/OFFICIALS**

- a.** Plate meeting should occur with only head coach of each team and the umpires.
- b.** Umpires calling balls and strikes should allow adequate distance behind the pitcher and still allow them to perform their duty.
- c.** Umpires are encouraged to wear a face covering.

#### **8. GAMEPLAY**

- a.** Face coverings are recommended for those not in play and/or on the bench and especially when six-foot distancing is difficult to maintain.
- b.** Hand washing or hand sanitizing (in the absence of soap and water) are strongly recommend for Participants during practice and games.
- c.** Participants should bring individual water containers.
- d.** Teams/Participants/Coaches should find other ways to celebrate runs/hits and culmination of the game, avoiding high-fives and/or any other contact.
- e.** Instead of teams shaking hands at the end of the game, Participants should exit their dugouts and tip their caps.
- f.** Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should be in Participant owned equipment bags and not be shared. If equipment must be shared, proper sanitization should be administered between users.
- g.** Only necessary Participants shall be in the dugout, with six-foot social distancing. Open space/seating outside of the dugout, in the bullpens, and in the stadium should be used to spread out.
- h.** Other rule changes may be possible.

## 9. LEAVING THE FACILITIES

- a.** All Participants should maintain social distancing during post-event meetings and are recommended to wear face coverings during the meeting.
- b.** Participants are strongly recommended to travel from Facilities alone or only with a member of their immediate household.
- c.** Team meals should occur only in compliance with the guidelines issued for restaurants in the local areas.

## 10. CONFIRMED/SUSPECTED CASES

- a.** If a Participant, Coach or Staff member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 or is presumed positive by a medical professional due to symptoms, they should be excluded from practice/games until: No fever present for at least 72 hours since recovery (without using fever-reducing medications), AND other symptoms have improved (i.e. coughing, shortness of breath, chills and muscle aches), AND at least 10 days have passed since first symptoms.
- b.** If a Participant, Coach or Staff member has been diagnosed with COVID-19 but does not have symptoms, they should remain out of practice/games until after 10 days have passed and they receive two negative tests in a row, with at least 24 hours between testing to participate.
- c.** Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact notification and testing.
- d.** Isolate and test all those highly suspected to be infected or those exposed to an infected person as soon as possible.
- e.** During and following testing, maintain contact with local health departments to initiate appropriate care and data collection.

## 11. FACILITY NEEDS

- a.** Post signage at all Facilities highlighting social distancing, symptom checks for all (performed by a staff member), and risk acknowledgement.
- b.** Additional sanitation stations should be provided around the Facilities.
- c.** Facility staff should disinfect dugout, restrooms, and other high touch surfaces before and after each event.

## 12. EQUIPMENT

- a.** Each Participant should have his own helmet, batting gloves and wood bat.
- b.** Baseballs
  - 1.** Game baseballs are to be right out of the packaging.
  - 2.** Participant or person bringing the baseballs to the umpire should sanitize hands prior to bringing them out to field.
  - 3.** Game baseballs that are put into play should be replaced and sanitized.
  - 4.** There should be a rotation of practice baseballs that are used from day to day and once a set has been used, it should be cycled out for a day or sanitized before using again.

## 13. WEATHER

- a.** In the event of inclement weather if Participant's can't safely shelter and maintain

an appropriate six-foot distance from others, they must shelter in their vehicle.

**"FEG" AND BEST OF THE WEST'S RESPONSE PLAN TO SYMPTOMATIC OR CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED/SUSPECTED CASES**

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**COMMUNICATION PROCEDURE**

1. For a symptomatic case:
  - a.** If a Participant/staff member/umpire/coach/intern/volunteer/facility worker or anyone else associated with the Best of the West tournament becomes symptomatic, they must inform the coach and/or staff member immediately.
2. For a confirmed case:
  - a.** In addition to steps taken for a symptomatic case, the "FEG" and/or BEST OF THE WEST should inform the county health department.
  - b.** "FEG" and/or BEST OF THE WEST will notify all Participants, Staff, Volunteers, Coaches, and Interns that may have been affected to inform them of the case and steps that are being taken to protect all involved.