

Clippers Baseball Club
Return-to-Play Guidelines
May 28, 2020

State and local (City of Tiffin) guidelines released on May 26, 2020, allow for practices and games to begin as of June 1, 2020.

Requirements before a player may participate in a practice or game:

1. A parent must sign the Clippers Baseball Club Return-to-Play waiver and give it to the player's coach. The Coach is required to compile these records.
2. A parent must acknowledge the USSSA waiver on USSSA.com.

Recommended Best Practices:

1. Per guidance from the Department of Public Health, players and coaches should have their temperature checked at home before attending practices and games. If an athlete or coach has a temperature of 100.3 or above, they should not attend practices or games.
2. Players should provide their own hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer should be used upon arrival at practice, at least every 30 minutes, after any shared equipment is handled, and as soon as practice has concluded. For games, the Department of Public Health recommends using hand sanitizer before and after each at bat and when going out to, and coming in from, the field.
3. Per guidelines from the Department of Public Health, coaches are responsible for ensuring social distancing is maintained between players as much as possible. This means additional spacing between players while playing catch, changing drills, and no congregating.
4. Per guidelines from the Department of Public Health, no dugouts are to be used during practice. Players' items should be lined up against a fence at least six feet apart.
5. Upon arrival for a game/tournament, coaches should sanitize and disinfect the dugout before anyone else enters. Following the game, the coach should be the last to leave and again sanitize and disinfect the dugout.
6. During games/tournaments, only players and coaches are allowed in the dugout. Six-foot distancing is still in place and may require use of areas outside of the dugout and outside the field of play.
7. Spectators are asked to remain at the ballfield during practice, but maintain a safe distance or stay in their vehicle. Use of bleachers is discouraged. Fans should bring their own chairs or stand.
8. Players and coaches should bring their own beverage containers. No shared jugs.
9. Coaches and players should limit the number of individuals in a defensive or offensive conference to those who need to be in close proximity for these discussions.

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10. Teams should not exchange handshakes following the contest – teams should find other ways to acknowledge their opponent in a sportsmanlike manner.
11. Masks are not required to be worn by players, umpires, coaches, or spectators. If an individual would like to wear a mask on the playing field, in the dugout, or in the stands, he/she may do so. Players are not allowed to wear a face shield. NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee guidance concludes increased risk of unintended injury with plastic face shields.
12. All players are strongly encouraged to use only their own equipment as much as possible. Catcher's gear should be thoroughly sanitized by a coach in between each individual's use.
13. All baseballs should be sanitized before and after use.
14. Sunflower seeds are not permitted at practices or games.