

# MINNESOTA BLAST

## Minnesota Blast Club Softball Summer 2020

### COVID-19 Program Guidelines

During this worldwide pandemic, the Minnesota Blast Club Softball program is taking all measures necessary to keep all players, coaches and families' safety first and foremost. The Blast will strictly be following the **Guidance for Social Distancing in Youth Sports**, as approved by Governor Walz's "Stay Safe Minnesota" Plan and the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

**In connection with the MDH, the Blast will strictly be following the below guidelines for the 2020 summer season:**

- All practices will begin on Monday, June 1, as approved by MDH.
- All practices and games will be held outdoors.
- All practices will be held at Sather Park in Scanlon, Minnesota — which has given written city approval to use the park starting Monday, June 1. This will be until further notice.
- To begin, all practices will consist of no more than 3 separated pods per field(s) (40,000+ square feet).
- To begin, all pods will consist of no more than 10 people (players and coaches) in each pod.
- Parents and families are encouraged not to attend practices. If necessary, social distancing is required.
- To begin, practices will be focused on skill development, with any "play" being contactless.
- To begin, there will be no intermixing between pods on a daily basis.
- Following state guidance, we will not be participating in games or tournaments out of state, even if these events are supported by that state. All events we will participate in will be in Minnesota, until further restrictions are potentially loosened/lifted.
- We will discourage sharing of equipment as much as possible. If sharing does occur, we will consider the equipment and type of use and sanitize between usage.
- Players' and coaches' temperatures will be taken daily with a touchless thermometer prior to practice and games. If a player or coach's temperature reads 100.0 or higher, they will not be allowed to practice/play/coach that day.
- Players and coaches will be screened with a daily symptomatic questionnaire prior to practice and games. If a player or coach answers yes to any of the symptomatic questions, they will not be allowed to practice/play/coach that day.
- Players and coaches are to self-regulate and be honest with any symptoms they may have. Honesty is important, please.
- Players and coaches are encouraged to bring their own sanitizer.
- Players and coaches are encouraged to bring their own mask, if they so choose. Masks will not be required to wear.
- Players and coaches will social distance (6+ feet apart) at all times.
- Players and coaches' equipment will be spaced 6 feet apart at all times.
- Players and coaches will hang their equipment on the outside of the dugout/fencing, and not be in the dugout. If necessary to be in the dugout, social distancing (6+ feet apart) is required.
- Sanitizing "breaks" will be had between drills and required by all players and coaches.
- Extra masks, gloves and sanitizer will always be on hand with Coach Korby.
- If a player or coach contracts/tests positive for COVID-19, they will not be allowed to be at practice/games for 14 days.

**These guidelines are subject to change based on potentially loosened/lifted restrictions by Governor Walz's "Stay Safe Minnesota" Plan and the MDH. Again, all Blast players, coaches and families' safety is of the utmost importance.**

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