

SAFETY PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR GMSS FOR 2022

For the 2022 Greater Madison Senior Softball league the following list of procedures, practices, and rules will be in effect. Please understand that these are intended to provide a safer environment for GMSS players while maintaining softball integrity. If you voluntarily chose to play senior softball this year despite the increased risk of Covid-19 coronavirus exposure inherent in a game of softball, then you must take the precautions published by the CDC and local health officials. Following is a partial list of actions, procedures, and ways in which you can protect yourself and others and GMSS requires you to follow them as a minimum effort at protection.

All players shall sign a new Liability Waiver and Acknowledgment Agreement for 2022 prior to being allowed to play.

- We strongly recommend you get a Covid shot (vaccination) as soon as possible and follow it up with booster shots when eligible.
- If someone is exhibiting any illness, especially symptoms of COVID-19 or has been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 10 days that person must not come to the ballpark.
- If any player tests positive for Covid-19, he must let his Manager know immediately and the Manager must notify the Commissioner and the Directors who will almost certainly put the softball schedule on hold for 10 days while all participants at the games that week and possibly the preceding week will be asked to self-quarantine for 10 days after the last date in which he was present at the park, game, or practice.
- There will be a “no-contact, no-handshake policy.” But it is an inherent characteristic of softball that there will be times when unintentional contact could occur, so it is up to the players themselves to self-determine if making the out or catching the ball or getting to the base is more important than maintaining social distancing. It should not be!
- 11 players will be on defense on the field.
- There will be no sharing of gloves, water bottles, etc). If bats need to be shared we recommend players using the bat sanitize their hands after using the bat, including the in-the-hole batter who retrieves the previous batter's bat.
- All players are required to have hand sanitizer with them and to use it frequently when justified.
- Safe distancing (6’ or more) is encouraged for all players not on the playing field.
- At the end of the game each team will gather it’s own equipment and promptly vacate the dugout and surrounding area.
- Teams for the next game will not enter the dugout area until the area is empty of players from the previous game.

signed by The Directors