



COVID 19 GUIDELINES

Parents/Coaches/Fans:

Good evening. Hope everyone is as excited as we are to get to American Family Fields of Phoenix for this event. I wanted to take a few minutes to discuss some of the things Maryvale and American Family Fields of Phoenix have been discussing with us, that they will expect of teams while using their facility. Please read the information below:

1.) Masks are required of EVERYONE (players, spectators, coaches, our staff) when coming into the park, when leaving the park, or any time you leave your field area. This includes going to the restroom or to your car. If you stand up from your field for any reason to move around, masks must be worn. This is not negotiable. We understand some people have strong feelings about not wearing one. If that's the case, please do not come to the event.

2.) Once players are on their fields, the masks can come off if they wish. Parents may take theirs off once they are settled in their area they will be sitting, as long as social distancing is observed. If you cannot observe it, then the masks must stay on.

3.) Bleachers will be limited to 10 people on both sides, so spectators will need to bring their own chairs, blankets, etc. Tents are permitted, but must not block any walk way that staff or players need to use to get around the fields. Only families that have been around each other regularly can be under the same tent. No sharing with other families.

4.) Maryvale has asked that teams/coaches enter the park together (all at once), prior to parents coming in. They have SUGGESTED parents **wait until about 15 mins** before their game time, to enter the park. This will allow teams to get on their fields first.

5.) If you have a DH one day and you play back to back time slots, Maryvale has asked that all players & coaches move to an outside area when the grounds crew comes in to do their jobs. Stay clear of their staff at all times. If you have to change fields, then please put gear along the fence away from the staff, and go to the OF until the field is clear of all PDP (Pro Diamond & Pearls/American Family Fields of Phx Grounds Crew or sanitation crews.

6.) **NO SUNFLOWER SEEDS, NO GUM - PERIOD.** This includes coaches, spectators and players. They will stop the game to clear up if they see it happening.

7.) No Post Game Team Meetings on the field or around the fields. After your game, clean up your dugouts, pack up and you can have your team meetings in the parking lot or off site.

8.) No post game handshakes with the other team - tip your cap, say good game, whatever...but no team exchanging hand shakes after the game.

9.) Social distancing must be observed in home plate meetings. For mound visits, 1 coach, the pitcher and the catcher can be on the mound - any other players must remain at least on the grass around the mound.

10.) Maryvale has asked teams to try to limit their spectators when possible. They have asked to try to keep it to family members, 40 persons per team including players and coaches.. They recommend those that might be at higher risk, to please remain at home.

11.) Teams MUST self check their players prior to coming to the park. This means if any players, fans or coaches display any symptoms, you should not come to the field that day and take necessary precautions. If anyone has tested positive, please make sure they are cleared negative before coming with your team to the tournament.

12.) Maryvale has asked both our staff AND the teams to help sanitize their areas when they are done. This means after games, please try to help us wipe down your immediate areas if you can. Clean up garbage.

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IMPORTANT - we are VERY lucky to have this event still able to go. A lot of eyes in Phoenix are going to be on this event (this includes City officials, local marketing groups, and other tournament hosts, because right now there is not much allowed in the state. We have fought hard to keep this event going, and we have assured Maryvale, American Family Fields our teams will do their part.

Please understand, failure to work together to get through this event, under these guidelines, only puts the games your kids deserve to play, at risk. Maryvale, American Family Fields will not hesitate to shut things down, if they feel it is not to their approval. We do not want that, nor do I believe any of you want that. So we ask you to please, regardless of opinion on the virus, masks, etc. do your part for 2-3 days and let's have a great event! We want this to be an example that tournaments can be done, if everyone cooperates.

Thank you for your time and good luck to all this weekend - travel safe!

PS: To help monitor the crowd we will have teams and spectators entering the facility at different times. All coaches and players will be allowed to enter the complex 45 minutes prior to their game times. All spectators will need to wait outside of the gate until the previous game on your field is over and they have all cleared out. Coaches, please have your parents leave the playing field as a group. Please do the same with the Coaches and players. Once that field is clear of spectators the next group will be allowed in. Please help us out with the guidelines so we can continue to host during these times.

