

## **2020 Mt Rushmore Classic – Modified Rules and Regulations**

In addition to the already published Rules of Play for the 2020 Mt Rushmore Classic Fast Pitch Softball Tournament, the following modifications or being added in light of the COVID 19 Pandemic. It is our desire that players, coaches and fans all have a healthy, safe, and memorable experience at this year's tournament. Please note that all rules including these modifications will be strictly enforced and offenses will be dealt with swiftly. Failure to comply may result in disqualification and removal from the tournament.

PLAYERS, COACHES AND FANS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAINTAIN 6 FT SOCIAL DISTANCING.

TEAMS ARE ALLOWED 5 PLAYERS IN THE DUG OUTS AT A TIME. NOTE – THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE BATTER AND THE ON DECK BATTER. ALL OTHER PLAYERS WILL SPREAD 6 FT OUT BEHIND THE DUG OUTS AND DOWN THE FENCE LINES.

TO KEEP EXPOSURE TO A MINIMUM ALL GAME TIMES WILL BE 70 MINUTES PER GAME FOR THE ENTIRE WEEKEND INCLUDING CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY WITH 10 MIN IN BETWEEN GAMES. GAME START TIMES MAY ALSO BE STAGGERED TO LIMIT EXPOSURE.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE GAME BALLS. BALLS WILL BE SANITIZED BETWEEN HALF INNINGS. TEAMS ARE WELCOME TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN GAMES BALLS IF THEY DESIRE AS LONG AS THEY MEET USA SOFTBALL GUIDELINES.

NO PLAYERS OR COACHES MAY ENTER THE DUGOUTS UNTIL THE PREVIOUS TEAM PLAYERS AND EQUIPMENT ARE OUT AND THE BENCHES ARE SANITIZED. BENCHES WILL BE SANITIZED BETWEEN EACH GAME.

THERE WILL BE NO HANDSHAKES, ONFIELD HUDDLES OR FIST BUMPS BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER THE GAMES. IT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED POOR SPORTSMANSHIP FOR TEAMS TO NOT SHAKE HADS AFTER THE GAME.

COACHES VISITS TO THE PITCHERS MOUND OR ANY OTHER AREA ON THE FIELD MUST MAINTAIN 6 FT DISTANCES. BASE COACHES MUST ALSO MAINTAIN 6 FT DISTANCES AND CANNOT TOUCH A RUNNER OR PLAYER ON OR OFF THE FIELD.

COACHES MUST REQUEST PERMISSION TO COMMUNICATE WITH UMPIRES AND REMAIN 6FT APART AT ALL TIMES

ALL SPECTATORS MUST REMAIN IN DESIGNATED VIEWING AREAS . THOSE AREAS WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED AND MAY INCLUDE LOCATIONS OUTSIDE THE FENCE LINES (ALONG FOUL LINES AND IN OUTFIELD). ALL SPECTATORS AISDE FROM IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO MAINTAIN 6FT

SEPARATION. SPECTATORS MUST MAINTAIN 6FT SEPARATION IN THE BLEACHER AREAS. SPECTATORS MUST MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING OF 6 FT AT BATHROOM AND CONCESSION AREAS.

NO TEAM WATER WILL BE PROVIDED OR ALLOWED. PLAYERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLES.

SUNFLOWER SEEDS ARE PROHIBITED

IT IS ENCOURAGED BUT NOT REQUIRED THAT PLAYERS, COACHES, UMPIRES AND SPECTATORS WEAR MASKS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CDC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LARGE COMMUNITY GATHERINGS OF 250 OR MORE, WE WILL BE LIMITING THE NUMBER OF SPECTATORS PER TEAM TO 50. ADMISSION PASSES WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH TEAM AND MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE ENTRY GATE.

COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO CHECK-IN AT TOURNEY HEADQUARTERS PRIOR TO THE START OF THEIR FIRST GAME TO OBTAIN TEAM PASSES.

ENTRY AND EXIT GATES WILL BE CLEARLY MARKED AND MUST BE FOLLOWED.

WE MAY HAVE ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECTATORS AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE TOURNAMENT. PARENTS AND SPECTATORS WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO VIEW THE GAME FROM THE OUTFIELD AREAS PAST THE FIRST AND THIRD BASE. ONLY IMMEDIATE FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS WILL BE ALLOWED TO BE SEATED TOGETHER.

SCOREBOARDS WILL BE USED FOR KEEPING TIME ONLY. HOME TEAM WILL BE THE OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER.

SCORES SHOULD BE TEXT TO THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR BY THE WINNING TEAM AFTER EACH GAME. NO POOL PLAY OR BRACKET BOARDS WILL BE POSTED DURING THE TOURNAMENT. ALL RESULTS WILL BE UPDATED AND VIEWABLE VIA THE TOURNEY MACHINE APP.

**THE PLAYGROUND FACILITIES AT EACH COMPLEX WILL CLOSED DURING THE ENTIRE TOURNAMENT.**

PLEASE USE JUDGMENT WHEN BRING SENIOR CITIZENS AND OTHERS WITH HEALTH ISSUES TO THE GAMES.