

RIPKEN BASEBALL

Welcome back to baseball at The Ripken Experience. As we return to play, our mission continues to be providing the most memorable experiences in youth baseball. In order to do so, we encourage parents, athletes, coaches, and all of our guests to join us in returning to play responsibly by learning our new ground rules.

THE COMMON FIVE

- **Hand Washing** - We recommend you wash your hands often, and when soap and water is not available, we have hand sanitizer placed throughout the facility for your frequent use.
- **Social Distancing** - Please maintain at least 6 feet between you and others, following all posted signage throughout the facility.
- **Face Coverings** - We recommend all guests to wear masks or face coverings while outside the field of play.
- **Cleaning & Disinfecting** - Please be patient as our team performs more frequent cleaning. Help do your part by keeping your area clean and disposing of trash.
- **Health Monitoring** - Daily self-evaluated wellness screenings need to be completed by all guests prior to entering the facility. Guests experiencing COVID-19 symptoms while traveling should contact a local health care facility immediately.

MINIMIZING FREQUENTLY TOUCHED AREAS

- Please bring your own seating as the bleachers, picnic tables and other dining seating will be closed.
- Playgrounds will be closed.
- Shuttle services will be suspended (except for staff, umpire and medical use).
- Please bring your own personal water container as water fountains will be disabled.
- Most doors will be open or equipped with hands-free openers.

SCHEDULING FEATURES

- Event information will be communicated digitally to minimize the hand-off of materials on-site.
- Game start times will be staggered, and we recommend teams not arrive more than 1.5 hours prior to game time.
- Sunday check-in and Skills Competition will be modified for social distancing; Cal & Bill will provide digital content in absence of Opening Ceremonies and tournament ambassadors.

PRE-GAME

- Baseballs will be designated to each team.
- Please do not share equipment. If equipment (such as catcher's gear) is shared, a coach must properly disinfect equipment prior to the next participant's use.
- Home plate meetings will be limited to the umpire and one (1) coach from each team; all must practice social distancing.
- Sealed water bottles and will be supplied to each team, in lieu of coolers in the dugouts. Additionally, each participant will receive one (1) Gatorade bottle per day.

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DURING THE GAME

- Dugouts will be expanded, and we ask for your cooperation in practicing social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the dugouts and is intended to be used upon entering and exiting the dugout, including between innings.
- No spitting, sunflower seeds, peanuts in the shell or gum.
- The home plate umpire will be positioned at least 6 feet behind the pitcher.
- Foul balls and homerun balls will not be returned to gameplay.
- High-fiving and handshaking is not recommended.
- Participants (including umpires) inside the field of play are not required to wear a face covering, but may be worn as desired.

POST-GAME

- In lieu of handshaking lines, each team will line up on their respective foul line, tip their caps to the opposing team and then to their fans.
- Post-game meetings and paper reports will be eliminated.
- Gifts and awards (and rings if applicable) will be distributed to the head coach.
- Umpire evaluations will be conducted via a digital platform.

FOOD & BEVERAGE

- Indoor dining rooms will be closed.
- Bottled drinks and pre-packaged goods only will be served at this time. We encourage you to bring your own coolers and drinks.
- Cashless payments only will be accepted.

RETAIL

- Retail stores will be closed at this time.
- Mobile ordering will be available, with next-day on-site pick-up available.
- Tournament Tees will have a designated outdoor pick-up area.
- No returns or exchanges.

PHOTOS

- Team photos will be replaced with individual photos and composite imagery.
- Online viewing options will be available, so we recommend packing a laptop for the easiest viewing experience.

MEDICAL STAFF

- Trained medical staff will be on-site for all events.

MOVING FORWARD

- Throughout the season as medical and governmental guidance changes, our Return to Play policies will continue to evolve. All updates will be communicated to participants in advance of their event.