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Guidelines for the resumption of Competitive or Recreational Baseball & Softball as of 6/15/20

The following is modification to the rules for these sports that would allow them to resume June 15th with social distancing and other safety procedures observed. All other rules of the sport not listed here are assumed to be in place, subject to the discretion of the individual administrative body. When not actively playing the sport, participants should continue to practice social distancing when not from the same household.

Baseball/Softball

- Home plate umpire will stand behind pitcher's mound (socially distanced from pitcher) in order to call balls and strikes.
- A catcher should be kept at least six feet from the batter. If this is not possible, a catcher should not be used.
- No stealing of second base is permitted, so that first baseman can be socially distanced from holding runner on first base. First baseman should be six feet away from runner.
- The ball should be rotated out as frequently as it can or should be disinfected between innings.
- Equipment (bats, gloves, catchers gear, etc), should not be shared between players.
- Distancing in dugouts and in stands.
- Base coaches should distance from baserunners, players and umpires in field of play.
- No community water cooler
- No spitting, chewing gum, or sunflower seeds
- Individual teams should use their own set of baseballs or softballs
- Spectators are permitted under the gathering rules in place, which can be found [here](#).