

**Southeast Girls Softball Association (SGSA)**  
**Location of Softball Fields to be used: Weir, KS and Cherokee, KS**

SGSA Board has met and developed the following procedures listed below that will be implemented for 2020 softball season. These plans were developed in response to COVID-19.

SGSA board wants families and the local community to know that the health of our athletes, fans and volunteers are important to us and all decisions are being made in accordance with the KDHE, CDC and the Crawford and Cherokee County Health Departments.

**Social Distancing Guidelines:**

- 1) Until further notice fans will be asked to bring their own lawn chairs and follow the 6 ft. social distancing rules when sitting up them around the outfield/ or other fence area.
- 2) Grandstands at the Weir field are being replaced. However, when grandstands are available there will still be limited seating available.  
If the Southeast High School fields are used, there will still be limited rules per social distancing, so again lawn chairs are encouraged.
- 3) Camps, Practice and Game schedules will be adjusted to follow the Kansas Re open plan phase. Therefore, we will be required to avoid large crowds/gatherings of people at the field.
- 4) The use of Sunflower Seeds and All Tobacco products are Prohibited!

**Athletes/Coaches:**

- 1) At this time the dugouts will have limited use, due to social distancing rules. Therefore, players and coaches will be asked to sit/stand along the outside fence directly next to their dugout. \* Please note that families will be asked to sit away from the athletes during the game.
- 2) All players will be required to wear their own helmet in order to participate. Families will need to talk with the player's coach if they are unable to supply their own helmet. \* Please note that if the league supplies a helmet, that helmet will be labeled with the player name and the child will check the helmet out for the season. If the coach prefers to keep possession of the assigned helmet between games, the helmet will need to be sanitized with chemical spray upon its return.
- 3) All players will need to have their own drink. (No glass bottles will be allowed). Please mark the child's name on the beverage and instruct them to not share their drink.
- 4) Uniforms this season will be altered due to playing intermural verses our regular league teams. Therefore, SGSA board has decided to use t-shirts with alternative colors and sponsor logos. Coaches will determine per their own team if they expect players to wear ball uniform pants or shorts.

4) Coaches will have hand sanitizer and other disinfecting materials to help keep hands and equipment clean between uses. There will also be additional hand sanitizing equipment around the area, such as score board tables and concession stands.

### **Concessions:**

- 1) Concessions will be available but items to purchase may be limited.
- 2) Concessions will follow the Crawford and Cherokee County Health Department guidelines. ( ex. It has been recommended that condiments not sit outside the concession stand)
- 3) Workers in the concession stand will wear gloves and masks.
- 4) Additional sanitizing will take place in the concession stand throughout the games.

### **Bathrooms:**

- 1) Bathrooms will be open.
- 2) There will be sanitizing materials in the each bathroom so fans will be able to sanitize the areas before and after use. Volunteers will also be checking the bathroom areas throughout the games to be sure that items are stocked as needed (toilet paper, paper towels, soap etc...)

While we are excited to play softball this summer, we want to take every step possible to ensure the safety of everyone who arrives at the ball park. We understand concerns that families may have during this pandemic and we want to do our best as an organization to keep your families informed of the ever changing protocols. SGSA Board believes that if we work together and follow the necessary requirements that we can enjoy a revised softball season. Please note that if the decision is made by your family to avoid the 2020 summer softball season, then please contact one of the numbers below and inform us that your child will not be playing. As always, if you have questions or concerns feel free to call or ask via the SGSA (Southeast Girls Softball Association) Facebook page. Finally, be advised that as regulations change within the State and Counties, SGSA may need to update these plans. Parents and Community officials will be notified via the SGSA Facebook page or your child's coach if or when changes are made.

Thank you,

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