

### Introduction:

NYCL 2020 Rules have been posted at <http://nyclusa.org/league/rules>.

Considering the COVID 19 Pandemic and Related Restrictions, the below guidelines will be adopted for the Safety of all our Participants and Volunteers during the entire NYCL 2020 Event.

**Any person not adhering to these guidelines would be immediately suspended from further participation in the event, and will also be reported to local law enforcement authorities as needed. Safety of our players, officials and volunteers is our TOP Priority.**

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Each player, official, volunteer and parent present at any facility during the event is required to have a face mask.
- Other PPE are highly encouraged as per individual / team and surrounding health condition.
- The mask is only required when in close proximity of another player for an extended time. Players are not required to wear the mask during the play.
- Players will be continuously reminded on 'not to huddle' on 'congregate'.
- The umpire will give one warning to anyone for not adopting the PPE Guidelines. At 2<sup>nd</sup> warning the player will be suspended from the Game. The extent of suspension can range from 5 overs to rest of the match.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence - 5 overs suspension
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> occurrence - 10 overs suspension
  - 4<sup>th</sup> occurrence - suspended from remainder of the game

### Before the Game

- Teams are advised to arrive at the field no more than 30 minutes before the start of the game. But teams arriving at the field more than 30 minutes before the game must ensure they are stationed (including their team gear) at least 40 yards away from teams currently playing the game to ensure they are appropriately distanced.
- Team coach, managers, support staff must ensure they do not come to the field if they have any symptoms of illness.
- Team Coach or Manager must own the responsibility to ensure their players are healthy to participate in the game. They must perform necessary screening measures such as temperature check to ensure they are free of any symptoms of *any* illness.
- Team coach or Manager must educate all parents in maintaining proper distance while being on the sidelines.
- Team coach or manager may choose to screen parents as well to ensure they are free of any Covid-19 symptoms.

### During the play

- Umpires are advised to have face mask on when inside the boundary.
- Team coaches/manager/support staff crossing into the field of play must have face mask on.
- Any interaction within the ground between players and officials should be done with 6 ft distance.
- Strategy meetings, celebrations must be performed in a appropriately distanced way.
- No high-fives or any of that sort which warrants players too close to each other.
- Umpires will disinfect the cricket ball after every over with a disinfectant dipped towel or wipes and then dry it clean using dry towel to ensure the disinfectant does not alter shape or condition of the cricket ball. It is umpire's responsibility to ensure not too much spray is used on the ball.
- Umpire must take possession of the ball immediately when a wicket is down or play stopped for a break or whatever reason. This is to avoid ball getting passed around unnecessarily when the play is stopped.

### Guidelines for Team Dugout/ Sitting Area

- The team dug out will be at least 40 yards apart.
- The maximum individuals at a team dug out is set to 15, which includes 11 players, 1 super-sub, 2 possible substitutes & 1 coach/manager. If the umpire counts more than 15 at a team dugout, he will raise an alert which will be 1 over penalty for the responsible team. The game is on hold until the extra person leaves the area. The penalty is non-negotiable. Substitutes can be near the team area but team owner must ensure they are appropriately distanced just like rest of the players.
- Enforce social distancing. Each player needs to bring their own lawn chair, an umbrella, snacks and drinks and set up in the team dugout at least 10 ft (3 -4 yards) apart from each other. We will provide 15 disks to each team/ground (marked 1 -15) which the team manager can use to set it up and each player uses one to station their belongings.
- During team discussion/huddle everyone stands 6 ft apart with face mask on and avoid physical contact.
- Scoring desk must be appropriately distanced from each team dugouts.
- Team dugouts must be vacated within 5 min after the game ends and next team will occupy the dugout 10 min before the game. Dugout needs to be unoccupied for at least 30 min between games.

### Guidelines for Parents

- Parents at their own discretion to maintain social distancing are advised to drop / pick up children before / after the play.
- If parents have to stay and watch the game, they need to make sure they are at least 20 yards away from team zone, and at least 10 ft from the boundary line.
- Parents need to wear face mask at all times when present at the field.



- We recommend using zoom/facebook live so one parent at the ground can broadcast, and others can join in live from home/hotel or car, and they can discuss and watch.
- Make sure you provide sufficient drinks and snacks for your child, so he/she does not have to depend on others as sharing is not allowed.
- Make sure your child has all the cricket protective equipment in their kit, again so he/she does not need to borrow.
- Make sure your child has an extra or two face masks, in case the first one gets dirty and they need a replacement.

### Clean up:

- Each player must ensure their station is clean before they leave. Pick everything that you brought in at the ground and nothing should be left behind.
- The team manager are requested to ensure their dugout is completely clean with no trash left behind by their players. You can carry a trash bag and ensure anything left over is picked up.
- If your team arrives for a game and the dugout is not clean, report in the team manager's group, so we can take appropriate action.

