

## Windsor Essex County Senior Sports Organization

### Covid-19 Protocols

As of: July 7, 2021

The following are the protocols that we have adopted for the players in the WECSSO slo-pitch program. They have been adapted from the standards established by local health officials, NSA Canada, your executive and the Ciociaro Club complex.

1. Self assessment: Players will be required to self-assess their health before participating in any WECSSO game or event. If you feel unwell, please do not come to the park.
2. Social distancing will need to be maintained, whenever possible, while in dugouts, behind the dugouts, the common areas or on the pavilion. Mask/face covering use will be required by all, for service at the concession stand and food service area, while using the washrooms, and whenever you are unable to maintain a safe social distance of 6 feet from others around you.
3. Mask/face covering use will not be mandatory on the ball diamond while playing. However, for the health and safety of your fellow players, it is suggested and strongly encouraged that a mask be worn at all times if you are not fully vaccinated, ( ie: have not had two shots).
4. There is a maximum of 5 players in the dugout. Others are to be seated on the benches outside the backstops. Maintain physical distancing when possible.
5. There will be some minor adjustments to in-game rules, but not to an extent that the game itself cannot be enjoyed. The ball will be sanitized regularly, and handshakes, etc. will be discouraged. There will be no post-game handshake lines this season.
6. There is to be no hand slapping or any type of unnecessary physical contact during the game to congratulate a teammate for a good play, etc.
7. Hand sanitizer will be readily available at the centre of the pavilion, at the concession stand and food service area, and in the washrooms. Teams will also be expected to have hand sanitizer on their bench.
8. Individual use of wearable equipment. This includes gloves, helmets, and fielding masks.
9. The wearing of a surgical/N95/fabric mask/gator or gloves as a preventative measure is not mandatory, however it is permitted. This includes the pitcher.
10. No sharing of any liquids on the field. Bring your own water.
11. Bats: Players are encouraged to bring their own bats. They are responsible for the cleaning of that bat. Players who use league bats will be required to clean that bat before using it. Once a batter hits the ball, he drops the bat. If he is out, he picks up his own bat on the way back to the dugout. If he hits safely, the on-deck batter will pick up the bat (by the barrel) and return it to the dugout. The next player to use that bat sanitizes it before using it. Prior to the game, teams will line up their bats with the "thumb" logo facing out. This will allow umpires to check the bats without touching them.
12. Tracking Attendance: Player/Scorekeeper attendance, ( dated) will be kept by the team manager in the team scorebook – line-up for game day.

13. Umpires:

- a) Umpires will not touch any bat or ball during the game. The offensive team assumes total responsibility for the handling of the bats. The defensive team assumes full responsibility for the balls.
- b) The umpire's area for the plate conference is home plate (strike mat). Each coach/representative is asked to stand at least 2 meters/6 feet to either side of the umpire on their respective side of the ball diamond. Only one coach/representative per team allowed.
- c) Umpires will mark the spot where the catcher is to stand during defensive play. The spot will be no less than 2 meters/6 feet behind the back of the strike mat. The umpire will be positioned no less than 2 meters/6 feet from both the catcher and the batter, standing on the opposite side of the strike mat from the batter.
- d) The use of a mask by the umpire is optional.