

Introduction:

NYCL 2021 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 2021 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, **if not vaccinated**. If already vaccinated please carry a proof of record for verification if requested.
- 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 advised to minimize huddling, and direct contact.

Before the Game

- Teams are advised to arrive at the field no more than 30 minutes before the start of the game.
- If you arrive early and game is in progress, stay in the car until everyone from previous game has left.
- 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, if not vaccinated.
- Team coaches/manager/support staff crossing into the field of play must have face mask on, if not vaccinated.

- Any interaction within the ground between players and officials should be done with 6 ft distance.
- Strategy meetings, celebrations must be performed in an appropriately distanced way.
- No high-fives or any of that sort which warrants players too close to each other.
- 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 and 4 others.
- Enforce social distancing as recommended by local and state government.
- Team dugouts must be vacated within 5 min after the game ends.

Guidelines for Parents

- Parents at their own discretion to maintain social distancing are advised to drop / pick up children before / after the play.
- 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.
- Complimentary face masks will be available if needed.
- The safety measures are extremely important and required by the state law. If a parent
- If parent has a question, please discuss with your respective team manager only.

Clean up:

- Each player must ensure their dugout 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.