

Jackie Robinson Training Complex Health and Safety Guidelines

The Jackie Robinson Training Complex is excited to host Vero R.B.I. once again. While we welcome the opportunity to host your play in 2020-2021, we do so with a heavy focus of the health and safety of your youth participants, coaches, staff and volunteers, and spectators.

Each of us play a role in ensuring that we have the safest possible tournament environment. As such, we request that every individual participating or attending this event review the below health and safety guidelines prior to their arrival at the competition site. The Jackie Robinson Training Complex appreciates your participation and commitment to safety for all involved.

Registration and Health Assessment

Digital Registration Requirement:

- All participants will be required to register on League Apps. Registration can be found on League Apps [\(see link\)](#)
- Digital registration through League Apps is required for this event. No in-person, on-site, or paper registration will be permitted.
- Participant registration must be completed by October 23, 2020.

Health & Safety Assessment:

- Prior to arrival, all attending the tournament (players, coaches, umpires, game administrators, spectators) should ensure they do not have a fever of 100.4°F or are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. For an example of a pre-activity symptom assessment, please see Appendix A.
- Any individual who has a temperature of 100.4°F or exhibits any COVID-19 symptom should not attend the event or travel to the competition site.
- If there has been a report of a positive case of COVID-19 from within your team/organization (i.e., player, staff member, family member, school contacts), ensure all appropriate individuals are notified of their potential exposure and consider the need for quarantine or additional medical attention.

Check-in and Departure

Check-in:

- All players, coaches, umpires, staff, and administrators will undergo a temperature check and be asked to confirm they are not experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms upon their arrival at the competition site.
 - Any individual who has a temperature of 100.4°F or expresses that they are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms will not be allowed to participate and will be sent home.
- Participants will receive a set arrival time for each day.
 - Arrival times are staggered to reduce the density of individuals at each site.
 - All players and on-field staff should arrive thirty minutes prior to their scheduled practice/game time.

- Teams are permitted to travel together via bus/van, or can arrive separately via car, but all team members must be present by the set arrival time.
- At entry, players and coaching staff will be directed to a reserved staging area to conduct temperature checks. All parents/guardians and spectators will be directed to the appropriate seating area for each field.

Departure:

- At the conclusion of each contest, teams should exit the facility as soon as possible. Team meetings and gatherings within the facility are discouraged.
- Parents/guardians and spectators will not be permitted to enter the field space, so should meet their child upon the team's exit.

Event Safety Steps

Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”) Requirements:

Face masks or face coverings are required for all attending the tournament. More information on specific requirements for levels of individuals are below:

Event Operators:

- Face masks or face coverings are required for all Jackie Robinson Training Complex staff, event staff, and volunteers at all times.

Event Participants (players, coaches, and administrators):

- Face masks or face coverings are required for event participants during all non-game situations (including pre-game) and in areas where social distancing is not possible.
- Players are not required to wear a face mask or face covering while on-field during contests but may do so if they prefer or it is requested by a medical professional or parent.

Umpires and Sports Medicine Staff:

- Face masks or face coverings are required for umpires and sports medicine staff during all non-game situations and in areas where social distancing is not possible.
- Umpires are encouraged to wear a face mask or face covering while umpiring, particularly if unable to maintain a safe physical distance from the players.
- Enhanced levels of PPE may be required of medical service roles.

Spectators:

- Face masks or face coverings are required for all spectators at all times during the event.
- Areas available for seating will be along the baseline, in the outfield.
- More information of spectator attendance can be found in the “Spectator Attendance” section below.

Batting Cages:

- The Jackie Robinson Training Complex will designate which batting cages (east, central or west) are available for Vero R.B.I.'s use prior to each event.
- Designated batting cages may be utilized under the following guidelines:
 - Usage of the batting cages will be permitted during designated group timeframes only. Guests are prohibited from utilizing the batting cages unless as part of a scheduled group timeframe.
 - To ensure proper distancing at the east, central and west batting cages, only the exterior batting cages will be designated for use. The middle two cages will remain closed.
 - Guests are strongly prohibited from congregating in and around the batting cages. Only the batter and pitcher should be inside a single batting cage at one time. All other guests should wait outside the batting cage and spread out, maintaining six feet of social distancing between them.

Batting cage entry/exit ways and high-touch netting shall be cleaned/disinfected by JRTC staff prior to and after each event.

Playing Equipment:

- Parents/guardians should ensure player personal equipment has been disinfected prior to arriving for team activity.
- If possible, equipment (glove, bat, batter's helmet, batting gloves, catcher's equipment) not be shared between participants.
- Disinfecting supplies will be available in each dugout to enable coaching staff to clean and disinfect communal equipment regularly throughout games.

Dugout Safety:

- Safety posters will be available in each dugout to remind players and coaching staff of safety best practices.
- Social distancing markers will be included in each dugout to encourage social distancing.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be available in all dugouts. Players and coaches should sanitize their hands throughout games (e.g., every time a player returns to the dugout) and after the handling of equipment or personal effects, like mouthguards.
- If physical distancing is not possible in the dugout, participants should wear face masks or face coverings while in the dugout.
- Food and Drink:
 - Communal water and sport drink coolers/jugs are prohibited. All players and coaches must utilize individualized water bottles instead.
 - Shared food/snacks are prohibited.
 - Sunflower seeds, bubble gum, and spitting are prohibited in the dugout and on the playing surface.
- Dugouts will be sanitized between games by event staff.

Game Operation:

- Players, on-field personnel, and umpires should practice physical distancing to the extent possible, with the limitations of competition and the fundamentals of baseball .
- Pre-game activities (i.e., plate meeting, National Anthem) will be conducted while maintaining 6 feet of social distancing between participants. Infield/outfield warmups will not be conducted. Players from opposite teams should not socialize, fraternize, or come within six feet of each other before and after games, or in-between innings.
- Players and on-field personnel should make all efforts to avoid touching their face with their hands (including to give signs), wiping away sweat with their hand, licking their fingers, whistling with their fingers, etc.
- Avoid physical interactions (i.e., high-fives, fist bumps, hugs, handshakes) with teammates and personnel.
- Spitting to “rub” game balls is not permitted.

Spectator Attendance:

- Each participant is encouraged to have no more than 2 guests. Spectators may not enter into player holding areas or field space and may only view the game from designated spectator sections.
- Spectator(s) must exit immediately following the completion of the game(s).
- The bleachers will be closed; spectators are encouraged to bring their own seating.
- Face masks or face coverings are required for all spectators at the event.
- Spectators with no familial relation or outside of the same household should maintain 6 feet of social distancing.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be available in high-traffic areas.
- Spectators are requested to follow all safety signage regarding social distancing and public safety.
- Violations of safety protocols by parents/guardians or spectators may result in team/leagues forfeiture of game(s) and potential removal from the Invitational.

Appendix A

In the past 72 hours, have you experienced any of the following symptoms?

- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Cough
- Fever of 100.4 or above
- Headache
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Loss of taste or smell
- Muscle pain
- Nasal congestion
- Runny nose
- Diarrhea
- Fatigue

Have you had a fever at or above 100 degrees Fahrenheit or taken any fever-reducing medications (*e.g.*, Tylenol or Advil) within in the last 72 hours?

Do you have reason to believe that you, or anyone with whom you've had close contact, may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S NATURAL GUARDIAN

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF THE MLB ENTITIES USE REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY VOLUNTARILY SUBMITTING YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS RELEASE BY CLICKING "I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE WAIVER REQUIREMENTS" ABOVE YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM THE MLB ENTITIES IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A

NATURAL PART OF THE ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT THIS RELEASE, AND THE MLB ENTITIES HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SUBMIT YOUR ACCEPTANCE OF THIS RELEASE BY CLICKING "I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE WAIVER REQUIREMENTS" ABOVE.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE AND HAVE VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED THE ELECTRONIC EQUIVALENT OF MY SIGNATURE BY CLICKING "I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE WAIVER REQUIREMENTS" ABOVE, AND I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NO ORAL REPRESENTATIONS, STATEMENTS OR INDUCEMENTS APART FROM THE FOREGOING WRITTEN STATEMENT HAVE BEEN MADE OR OFFERED TO ME BY ANY MLB ENTITY OR ANY MLB PERSON. I FURTHER REPRESENT THAT I AM AWARE THAT BY PROVIDING THE ELECTRONIC EQUIVALENT OF MY SIGNATURE BY CLICKING "I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE WAIVER REQUIREMENTS" ABOVE I AM OR MAY BE WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE.

IF PARTICIPANT IS A DEPENDENT: I AM A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF THE PARTICIPANT FOR WHOM I AM VOLUNTARILY SUBMITTING MY ACCEPTANCE OF THIS RELEASE BY CLICKING "I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE WAIVER REQUIREMENTS" ABOVE, AND I ATTEST THAT THE PARTICIPANT IS A MINOR, THAT I HAVE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY OVER THE PARTICIPANT AND CONSENT TO HIS/HER PARTICIPATION IN THE EVENTS.