



SOUTHERN SOFTPAW LEAGUE

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Return to Softball League Plan at Nickajack Park During Coronavrius (Covid-19)

The Southern Softpaw League (SSL) is charity-minded softball league serving metro-Atlanta animal rescues and charities. Since 2009, its dual mission has been to help multiple area non-profits along with providing a sports outlet in a social and friendly environment for softball players, fans, and animal lovers.

SSL has made the following proposal to return to softball league play based on social distancing requirements provided by the State of Georgia and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This plan has been developed with the advice of Dr. Ronald P. Tribble Jr. MD, PhD. Dr. Tribble is a board-certified infectious diseases specialist at Georgia Infectious Diseases PC serving patients at Emory St. Joseph's Hospital and Northside Hospital Atlanta.

This plan would be subject to change as Federal, State or Local government guidelines, information and recommendations may change. The officials and members of SSL will follow all guidelines concerning social distancing, sanitation, and public gatherings.

LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS

1. The league will follow the most recent CDC, Federal, State, and Local government guidelines.
2. League officials will be aware of local and other state restrictions before allowing teams to enter league play.
3. Temperature checks will be administered to each person as they enter the softball complex. If any individual has a reading above 100.3°F or if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID-19, they will not be permitted to enter the softball complex.
4. Each person will be asked if (1) they are known to have been recently exposed to someone with COVID-19, and (2) if they have symptoms of a viral infection (fever, cough, feeling ill). If they answer "yes" to either question, they will not be permitted to enter the softball complex.
5. All members, guests, and charity partners will be advised to maintain 6-foot social distancing measures, wear a face covering, and practice regular hand hygiene. Masks or face coverings are required in common areas if social distancing measures cannot be adhered to.
6. Six-foot social distancing marks will be placed in front of the league's information and concessions table. All interactions and transactions at the table will be contactless.

7. Hand sanitizer stations will be set up. Disinfectant wipes and disinfectant sprays will be available for members.
8. Dugouts will be extended with caution tape allowing for more space. In the dugout, players must maintain 6-foot social distancing and wear a face covering.
9. Bleachers will be available for sitting if spectators maintain 6-foot social distancing. SSL reserves the right to close the bleachers if spectators do not properly social distance.
10. Face coverings will not be required during play but will be recommended except for the catcher and umpire. The League will have masks available.
11. There will be a “no contact, no handshake” policy for all games.
12. Sunflower seeds and spitting will not be allowed.
13. Sanitizer spray will be available for the softballs between use.