



Parks and Recreation Outdoor Adult Sports Operations Plan Overview

Parks and Recreation is going to be offering adult sports leagues this fall including tennis, softball, kickball and touch football (Program). The following locations will be used for these Programs: Valley View Park and Dred Scott Park. All programming is subject to the Stay Safe Guidance as provided by the Minnesota Department of Health, as well as operations according to the City of Bloomington’s Safety Preparedness Plan, as updated. Each program will have an operating plan (Plan) that will outline the procedures and policies that must be followed in order to best provide a safe and healthy opportunity for our City staff, volunteers and participants. The guidelines listed will be provided to team managers who must share with all team members and must ensure adherence to the guidelines. Failure to enforce compliance with these operating plans and guidance will result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to, individual or team suspension.

Prior to Games:

- City staff will drive a City vehicle, pre-stocked with hygiene supplies, from Civic Plaza to the location of the program. If more than one City staff member is riding in a City vehicle, both staff members must wear appropriate face coverings (see City Safety and Preparedness Plan for face covering definition) while in the vehicle.
- Staff will clean, sanitize and wipe down high touch surfaces such as picnic tables chairs, and benches, including players benches should they be used, before and after each game, and at least every two (2) hours during the course of a Program. Staff will bring disinfectant wipes and spray supplies to accomplish this task.
- Portable restrooms and indoor permanent restrooms will be available on site. Indoor restrooms at Dred Scott and Valley View are cleaned daily. High touch surfaces in the indoor restrooms, such as counter tops, door handles and sink handles will be wiped down every two (2) hours by staff. Staff must check the portable restrooms to verify that there are adequate supplies, and if supplies are needed contact Parks and Recreation Manager.
- Each team must provide an accurate roster, including complete contact information for each team member that will be provided to the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), or local public health, for contact tracing in the event a COVID-19 infection of a team member is reported to the City.
- Each member of a team must sign the required waiver documents prior to participation in the Program.

Signs:

- Standard COVID safety signs are permanently placed at each location to provide general guidance to the public related to COVID-19, including safety suggestions and the dangers of COVID as depicted in the sign here.

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**Please follow CDC recommended
COVID-19 safety precautions**

- Stay home if you are sick 
- Social distancing (6 feet) 
- Avoid large group gatherings 
- Wash hands frequently 
- Avoid touching surfaces 

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Staff:

- Staff must stay home if they are sick.
- Independent contractors are required to follow all rules outlined herein for staff.
- Staff will remain as consistent as possible through specific programming to avoid cross contamination. A backup plan is in place for replacement staffing should a staff member become ill during the course of the program.
- All Staff will be required to wear masks when a 6 foot social distancing space cannot be maintained, including at the check-in point, either between themselves and other staff or participants.
- Staff will not administer any sunscreen, bug spray or other medications. Participants must come prepared.
- Staff will be required to limit the number of participants to no more than 2 pods of 25 per field or court, including staff, participants, spectators, coaches, and umpires.

Participants:

- Participants must remain with their teams or in groups with a maximum of 25 participants per side of the field or court, including staff, participants, spectators, coaches, umpires and parents/guardians.
- Spectators are not encouraged to attend games. If spectators are in attendance, they must maintain a six (6) foot physical/social distance between themselves and other spectators. If they are not able to maintain this minimum physical/social distance, spectators must wear a face covering.
- Participants are expected to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to participation and regularly throughout the Program including after using the restroom.
- Each team is responsible for bringing their own sanitizing products to the Program.
- Face coverings for participants are strongly encouraged, but not required when participating as an athlete in an organized sport, unless a minimum six (6) foot physical/social distance cannot be maintained.
- The concession stand will not be open for business. No food or beverages will be sold or provided during programs, unless otherwise approved by Public Health/Environmental Health. Participants should bring their own full water bottle as water fountains will not be available.
- Participants should clean and wipe down their own equipment and not share equipment with others.
- Participants must refrain from high-fives, handshakes lines and any other physical contact with teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires and spectators. A “tip of the cap” or other no touch mannerisms should be used to salute to the opposing team to promote sportsmanship.
- Participants are expected to remove all trash from the area following the Program.



- Participants will avoid congregation or socialization following programming. All participants must leave the site immediately following the Program.

Tennis Specific Participant Suggested Guidelines

- Use your racquet/foot to pick up balls and hit them to your opponent. Avoid using your hands to pick up the balls.
- Use four or six balls, number each ball to keep track of which balls are yours.

Softball and Kickball Specific Participant Suggested Guidelines

- Batting team must not take the field until the entire fielding team is off the field
- Each team must provide their own balls for when they are the fielding team. All balls must be sanitized after each inning.
- During a game, six feet of separation in the dugout is required, if you are not able to accommodate all team members in the dugout, they should be lined up along their respective foul lines.
- No spitting, chewing gum or eating sunflower seeds.

Volleyball Specific Participant Suggested Guidelines

- Volleyballs must be disinfected between all matches.
- Teams will not switch sides following a match.

Touch Football Specific Participant Suggested Guidelines

- Game balls should be provided by the team on offense.
- Balls must be sanitized following a switch from offense to defense

Hygiene/Cleaning Protocols:

- Following any notification of infection, the City will report the infection MDH and Bloomington Public Health, who will then be responsible for all contact tracing.
- Staff, independent contractors and participants are expected to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer prior to participation, regularly throughout the game, after using the restroom and before eating.