



To Sports Organizations Renting Fields from Long Hill Township

During the Pandemic

In order to keep our parks and athletes as safe as possible as we look to resume youth sports practices effective June 22, 2020 at Kantor Park, we ask that all sports groups renting facilities and participating in any sports on the fields and courts at the park, follow these additional rules. Failure to follow these rules may result in removal of the group, termination of permit(s) and forfeiture of any fees associated with the rental. We have developed this addendum to our permit process with the anticipation that we will look to follow Executive Orders, CDC and Health Department guidelines, and any other applicable directives. It is our intention to not necessarily be more restrictive, but to follow the guidelines. We do anticipate that this will be a continually evolving process which will require us to maintain an open line of communication for the safety and well-being of everyone.

We ask that you strongly encourage some fundamental and basic habits with your athletes:

- *Frequent hand-washing and hand-sanitizing

- *Encourage athletes to utilize bathroom facilities at home before coming to the facility. The park bathrooms are open with additional guidelines if needed (must wear cloth face covering, must wear shoes, wash hands thoroughly (sing Happy Birthday twice), limit of two persons per time in at once and maintain 6'+ social distancing at all times.

- *Athletes should all bring their own water bottles already filled. As always, we encourage the use of reusable water bottles from an environmental standpoint. Players should not share water bottles and also be aware that water fountains at the facility are not operational.

Effective 6/22/20, youth sports practices (not games) may begin. On a soccer/LAX/Field Hockey field at Kantor Park, groups are permitted to have no more than 10 players plus their coach/trainer on each half of the field.

While on the field, all participants must socially distance at least 6' apart from one another.

At no time shall there be 25+ people on a field at a time. This will adjust on July 6th. We will follow the NJDOH guidelines linked [HERE](#).

Staff, coaches, trainers shall wear cloth face coverings during the training. Players are strongly encouraged to do so as well when not participating in athletic training. Parents escorting and retrieving their children to and from practice shall wear cloth face coverings.

Any sports group permitting the fields is responsible for disinfecting any benches, picnic tables, and/or bleachers used by their athletes and/or their fans. All surfaces must be wiped down.

Sports organizations using the field will be required to remove anyone from practices who has a fever (100.4+) or is not feeling well. Sports groups must develop their own "Program Preparation Plan"—explained in the NJDOH document linked above.

Players shall not share equipment as much as possible. Players should bring all of their own equipment. In the event that a player uses/touches something that someone else will also use, it must be wiped down with disinfectant and allowed to dry before someone else uses.

Sessions must be spaced out to ensure one group of players/participants arrives to the field only after the preceding group has cleared. Let parents know not to drop off players early and to promptly pick them up when practice has ended.

If any of these rules is not clear, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department promptly at 908.647.8000 x219 or x267.