DISCLAIMER: Participants, parents, family, and spectators engaging in softball and activities related to softball do so with knowledge of the risk and potential exposure involved and agree to accept any and all inherent risks to their personal health.

**Team Play**

- **Teams**
  - Recommended to provide their own water. (None will be provided)
  - Recommended to provide hand sanitizer to their athletes. (None will be provided)
  - Bats and helmets must be outside the dugout with the appropriate seal displayed for easy recognition prior to the game for umpire inspection. Umpires will not touch any equipment.
  - It is recommended that a designated adult be assigned by the offensive team, to be responsible for picking up the bat after it is used. This person should wear disposable gloves and wipe down the bats after each use.
  - Prohibited from pre-game & post-game handshakes/high fives
  - Teams may line up on their respective foul lines and wave.

- **Athletes**
  - Allowed to wear masks during game, but not required
  - Must wear masks while in the dugout and while in the softball complex
  - No team gatherings at the pitcher’s mound nor after a home run.
  - Masks must be of one color and not distracting (refer to USAS Uniform Rule.)
  - Masks should be neutral in color.
  - Masks should have no designs on them.
  - Required to wear in between games.
  - No huddles, Players that gather at the circle should stay outside the circle maintaining social distancing.
  - No Sharing of equipment (bat, helmet, etc.)

- **Coaches**
  - Responsible for ensuring that each player on the team does not have a temperature exceeding 100.4 degrees F at any time during the Tournament. Responsible for making sure someone with the team takes each player's temperature and records it next to the player's name on the roster just prior to turning it in for the Tournament.
  - Required to wear masks.
  - Masks must be of one neutral color with no designs on them and not distracting. (refer to USAS Uniform Rule.)

- **Homeplate Conference**
  - One coach from each team and must stay 6 feet apart.
- Hand lineups to the umpire, and the umpire verbally approves or asks any questions about the lineup.
- No athletes allowed.
- Recommended for lineup cards exchanged from team to team and teams to scorekeeper to be shared via photo or text.

- **Softball Usage**
  - Each team is responsible for having a minimum of 3 Tournament Softballs ready for play each game when they are on defense. There is not to be any sharing of softballs between teams and nobody that is not a member of the team should hand them. 3 new tournament softballs will be provided to each team upon turning in their roster. If a team needs more tournament softballs during the course of the tournament, they are available for purchase from the tournament staff.
  - Certain rounds will be designated where each team will be provided with a new ball by the umpire still in the package.
  - Anytime a different ball needs to be put into play, the ball must be delivered to the catcher for inspection by the home plate umpire before it can be used.
  - The offensive head coach can protest to the home plate umpire that a non tournament softball was used on only the immediate previous pitch and said umpire confirms that fact, then the offensive head coach can either take the result of the play or revert completely to the conditions before the pitch with an additional ball being awarded to the batter if the batter hit the previous pitch.

- **Dugout Requirements**
  - Teams should not enter the dugout until the other team exits.
  - The number of participants in the dugout is dependent on the size of the dugout, but must maintain 6 feet social distance. Allow for players to be out of the dugout. Players should sanitize their designated area before using.
  - The bleachers will be an extension of the dugout for the teams on offensive so that teams can maintain social distancing.

- **Off-Field Requirements**
  - Employees, vendors, and fans are recommended to screen themselves at home prior to coming to the ballpark. If they have a temperature exceeding 100.4, they should be asked to stay home. They should also not come to the ballpark if they are known to have been recently exposed to someone with COVID-19.

- **Parents/Spectators**
  - Required to wear masks upon entering the softball complex.
  - Encouraged to follow 6 feet social distancing guidelines and **bring their own chairs because there will not be seating in any bleachers**.
  - Recommended to use hand sanitizer upon entering the facility. (None will be provided)
  - Encouraged to bring their own sanitizing wipes for restroom/personal cleanliness.
  - Proactively monitor their own and anyone in their household’s health status. If anyone is not feeling well in family or has a temperature exceeding 100.4, they should not attend the event.
  - Parents should consider limiting the number of family members who attend an event. **High risk individuals as defined by the CDC should not attend.**
  - Responsible for water/sports drinks for their athletes in bottled format and making sure the care clearly marked/identified.