

Marco Island Senior Softball Board of Directors Meeting 11/21/20

Following the Marco Division draft, Bill Shurina called the meeting to order at 9:25 AM in the Mackle Island Community room.

Present: Ed Caster, Ron Irwin, Ray Kane, Bill Kaschube, Bill Moors, John Remhoff, Bill Shurina, Bill Thompson, Warren Uhl (phone), Tom Whitlock.

Absent: None

League Covid Protocol

Another in depth discussion of the Boards intent to address the League Covid Protocol was held and resulted in:

Motion: Ed Caster, Seconded, Ron Irwin, The Board will ratify the following Player Personnel Committee Covid Protocol:

COVID Protocol for 2021 Marco Island Sr Softball

The Board of Directors has a primary responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all players in the League. The COVID virus continues to spread and creates a risk to people who share common spaces. The Board has approved this COVID protocol to minimize the potential health risk to players participating in League games this season. All managers, coaches, and players are expected to comply with the provisions of this Protocol.

Personnel Hygiene

-If a player feels a fever while at home before coming to the Field, he should take his temperature and ensure it is within the CDC guideline which is no greater than 100.4. If a player feels ill, they should immediately notify their Manager and avoid coming to the Field.

-If a player has been in contact or exposed to anyone who has contracted COVID, they need to immediately notify their Manager and remain away from the Field and their Team for 14 days or until they provide a negative COVID test to the Player Personnel Committee.

- The League will provide a large pump hand sanitizer in each Dugout during all games. Players are encouraged to use the sanitizer frequently during games.

-No seeds, chew, or spitting will be allowed on the Field.

Dugout Area:

-Players are required to wear a mask when in the Dugouts. Even with a mask, players are to remain separated by at least 6' following the Dugout Diagram provided by the League.

-Only the players on the roster, non-playing Managers, coaches, scorekeepers will be allowed in the Dugouts. While in these defined areas, these individuals are all required to wear a mask and observe the prescribed 6' social distancing. No other individuals will be allowed in the Dugout. Only 4 players can be seated on the 20' dugout benches to accommodate 6' distancing. Coaches and scorekeepers are encouraged to bring a chair to place in other areas of the Dugout while maintaining 6' distancing.

-Between games, when one Team leaves the Dugout, the next Team arriving needs to wait until the Dugout is completely clear. The departing Team is responsible for ensuring trash and empty water bottles have been cleared from the Dugout. Managers are responsible for having their players leave the Dugout as soon as possible after the conclusion of their game. Post-game talks should occur away from the Dugout area.

The Game:

-While in the Field, the catcher and home plate umpire will be required to wear masks. Base coaches, base umpires, and position players other than catchers may wear a mask at their discretion.

-Umpires will be provided spray disinfectant and rags to wipe balls off between half innings.

-On-deck batters will wear a batting glove to clear bats or will clear the bat by the barrel and avoid touching the handle.

-The “in the hole” batter will be positioned outside of the Dugout keeping a 6’ distance with the “on deck” batter. Both batters need to stay alert and move out of the way of foul balls and errant throws.

-No “closely gathered” Team cheers in order to accommodate 6’ of separation among teammates. Players should avoid “high fives” and handshakes. During the National Anthem for game #1 of each day, players will stand a minimum of 6’ apart.

-Post-game congratulatory lines should be avoided to maintain social distancing, and Teams should quickly grab their gear and clear the Dugout Areas.

The Announcers Booth:

-The Announcer and Game Scorekeeper are the only individuals allowed in the Booth. Both volunteers will be required to wear a mask while in the Booth. No congregating in the Booth beyond the two volunteers for that game. No one will be allowed to stand on the deck leading to the Booth.

There may be times when another individual may be in the Booth for technical assistance or securing medical supplies, and they too must wear a mask.

Adherence to COVID Protocol:

-Players refusing to comply with the mask protocol must remain outside the Dugout at all times. These few players can sit on the soccer benches which will be placed outside the Dugout Area and down the 1st and 3rd base lines. 4 players will be able to sit on the soccer benches while accommodating 6’ distancing. If there are more than 4 players or team members who need to sit outside the Dugout

Area then they will have to stand or bring their own chairs again following 6' distancing. Players seated outside the Dugout Areas will hang their bat bags and gear behind them along the fence lines.

-If a registered player adamantly refuses to comply with the League COVID Protocol, they will be refunded their Application Fee and will be unable to participate during the 2021 season.

All Managers are responsible for informing their players of the League COVID Protocol and ensuring that they comply with the requirements. Board Members will also maintain oversight of Team compliance.

For: Caster, Irwin, Kane, Kaschube. Moors, Remhoff, Shurina, Thompson, Whtilock,

Opposed: Uhl

Motion passed 9-1

The Annual Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation course scheduled for Saturday January 16 2021 has been cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Moors, Tom Whitlock.