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We are pleased to announce the Town of Wilton will be re-opening the Wilton High School Varsity Baseball and Softball fields on a limited basis, effective May 21, 2020. Field use will be strictly subject to all social distancing requirements and Town guidelines for responsible play.

The Varsity Baseball and Softball fields will be available for Wilton family use only, not to exceed a total of five (5) people per field. Residents may reserve the Varsity Baseball or the Varsity Softball field for a one-hour time period each day. **Junior Varsity and all other baseball and softball fields remain closed.**

**Use is for family free play only. No team practices. No private lessons.**

Varsity Baseball and Softball field use are by online reservation only, 7-days a week from 9:30 am – 4:45 pm. The Phase 1 protocol below provides for field use on a restricted basis and may be adjusted for changing circumstances and experience after opening.

**All other fields in Wilton remain closed to the public at this time.**

Access to additional facilities will continue to be rolled out in the coming weeks, each with a specific and distinct protocol. The cooperation and adherence to the town's usage requirements by residents is important to keep our community safe and to allow for continued field openings. Through the phased opening of our town's facilities, we hope to enhance family recreational outlets on a limited basis until we are permitted by the governing bodies to resume normal use of all amenities.

**All Baseball and Softball Field stands, batting cages and dugouts area are closed for use. No access whatsoever is permitted.**

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Pierce at [steve.pierce@wiltonct.org](mailto:steve.pierce@wiltonct.org)



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## Phase 1 Varsity Baseball/Softball Field Usage Protocol

- Prior to playing, please read all the information here, which will also be available for review at the Varsity Baseball and Softball fields.
- During Phase 1, use of Varsity Baseball and Softball fields is restricted to Wilton residents only. No guests allowed.
- Do not play if you have:
  - Any symptoms of the Coronavirus (mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing or other symptoms identified by the CDC).
  - Been in contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
  - Not been compliant with social distancing requirements in the past 14 days.
  - Are a vulnerable individual. A vulnerable individual is an elderly individual and/or an individual with serious underlying health conditions.
- Use of Varsity Baseball and Softball fields is by reservation **ONLY**, no walk-ups. Reservations must be made online through the [Wilton Parks & Recreation website](#). Contact Kregg Zulkieski at [kregg.zulkieski@wiltonct.org](mailto:kregg.zulkieski@wiltonct.org) if you are unable to access the Parks & Recreation website.
  - Field reservations are for one hour. There will be a 15-minute interval between each assigned field timeslot. Please arrive on time and leave the field promptly.
  - Online reservations must be made at least 24 hours in advance
- Play is limited only to Wilton residents and only to the following formats:
  - Varsity Baseball/Softball field use is for Wilton families only. One family per one designated area.
  - No more than five (5) people may be in a designated area at any one time.
  - No team practices or play.
  - Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by a parent.
  - No bicycles or scooters are permitted on the fields.
  - No pets are allowed on the facility.
  - No private lessons by non-family members.
- Address all questions or concerns with the on-site field monitor.



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- **Entry to the Varsity Baseball and Softball fields will be at the Softball field's first base bleachers.**
- The field monitors will manage all entrancing and exiting by families to ensure proper social distancing from others. Please wait for the monitor's instructions prior to entering or exiting Varsity Baseball and Softball fields.
- Varsity Baseball and Softball field use is allowed based on field conditions. Parks & Recreation staff will contact you via email if fields are not playable due to inclement weather.
- Noncompliance with the rules will result in immediate removal from the baseball and softball fields and the loss of the ability to sign up for future field time.

### **Additional Safety Measures**

#### Preparing to Play

- Players should not share equipment or personal belongings, such as balls, bats, gloves, protective gear, water bottles, etc.
- Players must bring their own water. The water fountain will not be available for use.
- Players must bring their own hand sanitizer.
- No restrooms will be provided.
- No food of any kind should be consumed on or around the fields.
- If you need to sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or upper sleeve.
- Arrive as close to your field reservation time as possible and park away from other vehicles in the parking lot. Do not stop to talk to others or hang out in the parking lot (even if in your car) before your session.
- Do not cross through other fields.
- Do not touch any gates, fences, etc.
- No bicycles or scooters are permitted on the fields.
- No pets are permitted at the facility.

#### When Playing

- Always keep social distance from others and stay in your assigned area of the field.



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- If a ball or other object goes out of your designated area, make sure no one using the other space is in the area of your object before you retrieve it. Return immediately to your designated area.
- Do not use any other part of the facility other than that assigned to your family.
- All questions, issues and/or concerns should be directed to the on-site field monitor only.

#### After Playing

- After play is over, take all personal belongings, balls, equipment, water bottles, and any trash away with you.
- Please leave Varsity Baseball/Softball field promptly. Do not cross through other fields (softball field, baseball field, lacrosse field, etc.) to get to your car.
- No socializing after field use or in the parking lot (even if in your car).
- Wash hands or use hand sanitizer after play.
- **The Varsity Baseball and Softball fields will be closed every day at 4:45 pm, at which time the facility is considered closed and all municipal rules governing closed facilities during this pandemic take effect.**
- Noncompliance with the rules will result in the loss of the ability to sign up for future field time.