

# Youth & Teen Sports Programs

## Fall 2020

The City is hosting a series of sports programs for youth and teens from grades 1 through 12. As always, our primary goal is to offer a safe and positive environment for youth to develop physical skills, confidence, social skills, and just have fun playing sports. During the pandemic, the City will be implementing policies and procedures that allow us to fulfill our mission while taking every precaution to minimize the risk of exposure.

Some of these policies include:

- Facemasks are required for all participants, staff, coaches, officials, and spectators at all games, practices and meets.
- Social distancing is required by spectators is required at all times. Bleacher seating will not be available. You may bring your own chair.
- Fields are limited to no more than 50 persons at any time, which includes spectators. If possible, please have only have one parent attend games, meets and practices, and please do not bring siblings or friends.
- Participants should bring their own water and hand sanitizer to practices and games.
- Officials will be using hand-held whistles.
- Balls and other equipment will be periodically wiped or sprayed with sanitizer.
- Teams will be required to keep attendance at each practice. This may be necessary for contact tracing purposes.
- Staff will be keeping attendance at all games and meets.
- Parent/guardian will be required to complete a Health Questionnaire at all events.
- Due to the unique conditions we are currently experiencing, all matters of this sports season are subject to change.

Modifications have been made to our programs to increase the safety of our players following the guidelines of the CDC in their return to sports report: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html> and in keeping with the latest executive orders of the State of Maryland and Montgomery County. These are minor impositions that are important to allow our kids to play and have fun! It is our hope that you support these policies so we can continue to offer these opportunities while keeping the spread of this virus at bay.

Thank you for your cooperation and Support!  
Gaithersburg Sports Team