

# WMLL Requirements for Spectators & Volunteers (8.20.20)

Updates from summer ball highlighted in yellow

These requirements apply to spectators & volunteers attending WMLL scrimmages & practices. Coaches may allow spectators to attend team scrimmages or practices but must ensure that Dane County's outside mass gathering limit of 25 players & spectators is being followed. **As such, parents should never attend a scrimmage or practice without advance permission from their team or squad coach.**

## THINGS TO KNOW & DO BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE BALLPARK

- Gathering Limit:** In order to comply with Dane County's outside mass gathering limit of 25 people, WMLL scrimmages & practices are limited to a combined total of 25 players & spectators (including family members). Coaches, umpires & official volunteers for the scrimmage being played, league officials & WMLL staff are not included in the count against this limit as they are exempt per Dane County rules.
  - Official Volunteers:** Scrimmages need a number of adult volunteers to help oversee the scrimmage & keep players safe - umpire (1 per scrimmage), **scorekeeper (1 per scrimmage)**, plate monitor (1 per scrimmage in Rookie, Minor & Major Leagues), bench monitor (1 per squad) & squad coordinator (1 per squad). Parents are encouraged to volunteer for these positions. Official volunteers get to watch the scrimmage, & except for the umpire position, do not require any special knowledge.
  - Approved Spectators** There will only be a handful of spectator spots available for each scrimmage. As such, no one may attend a WMLL scrimmage (or practice) unless they have advance permission from their squad's head coach to do so. Coaches must adhere to ballpark gathering limits when approving spectator requests.
- Attendance Prohibitions:** No one may attend a WMLL event if they:
  - Have symptoms of fever, cough, worsening respiratory symptoms or a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 until they have been cleared by a medical professional.
  - Are at risk for severe illness or have serious underlying medical or respiratory condition without permission from a medical professional.
- Hand Sanitizer:** Players, coaches, official volunteers & approved spectators should bring their own hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for personal use. Members of the same household may share hand sanitizer.  
*Note: Hand sanitizer is also available in each dugout & by the concession stand.*
- Player Drop-Off / Pick-Up:** WMLL families must use the designated player drop-off / pick-up zone on Forward Drive just to the north of the main parking lot entrance. Families must NEVER enter WMLL's parking lot for drop-offs or pick-ups as there are many people in the area.
- Parking:** WMLL families may park anywhere on Forward Drive & in the portion of the Madison Ice Arena parking lot close to Forward Drive. The use of WMLL's parking lot is RESTRICTED to those with special needs & coaches carrying heavy equipment bags.
- Arrivals & Departures:** To minimize unnecessary interaction, players, coaches, official volunteers & approved spectators may not arrive at the playing field more than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of their team's scrimmage & must vacate the field area within 10 minutes after the conclusion of their scrimmage.

## HELP KEEP WMLL & OUR COMMUNITY HEALTHY AND SAFE!

- Face Covering/Mask Requirements by Position:** Face coverings/masks must be worn at WMLL events as follows. When wearing a face covering/mask, individuals must still keep six feet between themselves and others. The face covering/mask is NOT a substitute for social distancing.

Required at ALL times:	Required when WITHIN TEN FEET of a player:	STRONGLY recommended, but not required:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Base Coaches/Base Umpires</li> <li>Coach Pitchers</li> <li>Plate Umpire</li> <li>Plate Monitor</li> <li>Bench Monitors</li> <li>Squad Coordinators</li> <li><b>Scorekeeper</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coaches (<i>not specified to left</i>)</li> <li>Anyone helping coaches</li> <li>League Officials</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spectators</li> <li>Volunteers (<i>not specified to left</i>)</li> <li>Players (<i>at the discretion of their parents or guardians</i>)</li> </ul>

*Note: Face covering/masks are meant to protect other people in case you are infected. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.*

- **Physical Distancing:** Individuals not residing in the same household must maintain six feet or more of physical distancing at all times at all WMLL events – including when walking to & from the event.
  - **Seating:** Spectators must sit at least 10 feet away from any player sitting in their player drop spot or moving from their drop spot to the on-deck batter location. Spectators must also stay out of the expanded dugout / player drop spot area which is designated a “Squad-Only Zone”.
  - **Hand Sanitizing:** Players, coaches, official volunteers & approved spectators should wash or sanitize their hands regularly and before, during & after playing on the playground. When using sanitizer, individuals should cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry
  - **Food and Snacks:** Food & snacks of all kinds – including sunflower seeds & gum are prohibited at all times on the playground, on the playing fields & in the expanded dugout / player drop spots. Sharing food with anyone that is not in your household is prohibited. *Note: For safety reasons, the ballpark drinking fountain has been made inoperable & the concession stand is closed.*
  - **Supervision of Children:** Parents are responsible for monitoring their child(ren), helping them understand & follow WMLL rules & ensuring their safe behavior in all areas of the WMLL ballpark – especially the playground.
  - **Trash Disposal / Cleanup:** Spectators must help keep the ballpark clean by properly disposing of all their trash.
  - **General Safety:** WMLL families must be careful, use good judgment and adhere to WMLL safety guidelines at all times when at the ballpark. They should report any hygiene issues, hazards or safety concerns to a WMLL board member or ground crew staff.
  - **Ballpark Prohibitions:** The following activities & items are PROHIBITED on WMLL property:
    - Pets (excluding service animals)
    - Alcohol, drugs & smoking (including vaping & e-cigarettes)
    - Weapons of any kind
    - Peanuts & tree nuts
    - Littering (please clean up after yourself & use a trash can)
    - Using bikes, skateboards, scooters or rollerblades
    - Climbing on fences, trees, picnic tables or on or under bleachers
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## HELP KEEP WMLL POSITIVE & BE A GOOD SPORT!

- **Positive Behavior:** Spectators, coaches, umpires & volunteers must:
    - Be respectful, considerate, supportive & positive. Others are watching...including your child!
    - Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating it at all times.*Remember that the players are kids, this is a game, & the coaches & umpires are volunteers. RELAX & ENJOY THE GAME!*
  - **Ballpark Prohibitions:** The following activities & items are PROHIBITED on WMLL property:
    - Using offensive language or gestures
    - Noisemakers (radios, cow bells, clap sticks, air horns, etc.)
    - Heckling, taunting & intentionally distracting teams, coaches or players (including booing)
    - Harassing & disrespecting umpires (including questioning calls, not accepting decisions & undermining their authority)
    - Confronting coaches or managers during games
    - Entering the dugout or playing field (unless you are a coach, umpire or player)
    - Verbal & physical altercations & other negative interactions with coaches, spectators, umpires & players
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