**FIRECRACKER SAFETY PROTOCOLS**

(this is an example; feel free to edit as you see fit or as local legislation dictates)

**Before you get to the field:**

- Meet with parents before returning to the field. Discuss safety protocols and risks.

- Check with your insurance carrier to ensure you’re practicing within the terms of their agreements.

- Ensure all players have signed waivers.

- Be flexible when it comes to game or practice cancellations.

- Coaches should enforce a "no penalty" for players that do not play or practice if concerned for themselves or family members.

- Allow for extra time to hand wash and sanitize.

- Limit non-essential team social gatherings in public places.

- Print and bring safety protocols to the field. Post and adhere to protocols.

- Be proactive. Create plans to give to parks and recreation.

- Require sick players, coaches, or family members to stay home.

**Field Protocols:**

- Practice social distance rules from the time you leave your car until you return.

- Players only on the practice field.

- PPE – All girls and coaches wear masks at all times.

- Sanitizing – Multiple locations for hand sanitizing. Allow players/coaches to use them often.

- Adhere to limits on the size of gatherings. Stagger practice times if needed.

- Use professional sanitizer after every practice to sanitize balls, benches, poles, bathrooms, etc.

- Use training cones to section off areas of the park in small groups.

- Do not enter dug-out during practice and keep personal items at recommended six-foot distance.

- Wash hands frequently and correctly (coach to allow for breaks to do this)

- Avoid touching your face.

- Do not share food, water bottles, or any equipment such as bats, gloves, etc.

- Avoid "courtesy" pickup of bats by catchers or other players when possible (do not grab the bat by the handle of other players' bats)

- If possible, change before entering your home. Wash hands and shower after practice and games.

**Home Protocols:**

- Leave all equipment outside the home.

- Change in secure private location before entering the home.

- Wash hands. Shower. Put on fresh clothes.

- Notify coach immediately if anyone in your family has symptoms of COVID-19