

March 3 update for GYGSA tournaments.

Of course Selah is our home, however, we will start the 2021 season playing in Yakima out of Gateway Fields & Kiwanis Park. Once more restrictions are lifted, we are hoping that we will return to Carlon Park later in the season.

With the shift, we have a couple scheduling conflicts. Most immediately, Black N Blue (March 27/28) is cancelled. Our published schedule is otherwise in tact and we plan to play Saturday, April 3, for our first event.

As we venture into this crazy 2021 season, we will be operating under the Phase 2, Moderate Risk Sports (softball) guidelines. (Of course these guidelines could shift at any time based on state/local updates). Yes, that means masks and social distancing will be required, and no more than 35 persons per team will be allowed inside the park.

Teams will be asked to take responsibility for self-monitoring the guidelines that we are all required to adhere to. Please also graciously accept polite reminders from fellow teams and event staff – we all want to stay on the field. The week before the event each team will be required to review complete tournament rules, and sign in acknowledgement with agreement to comply. These protocols should pretty be standard in Washington State (as of March 2021). In addition, Phase 2 does not allow for “Tournaments”, therefore, our events will be round robin format. As soon as we are able to have bracket play tournaments, we will certainly will !

As the Tournament Director, my #1 goal is always safety. In addition to twisted ankles and skinned up knees, we now have a new layer of safety to be conscience of. By following these guidelines, we are allowed to play; please do not be the reason we are shut down mid-inning and have to vacate the event – yes, it has happened in other parts of the country in the last year. Teams that are in non-compliance could be asked to leave the event immediately, with no refund, in order to keep the event running for everyone.

Please continue to watch our website for updates including our revised March 3 schedule and Teams Entered that is updated regularly.

I appreciate your courteous cooperation and self-monitoring ...aka...don't shoot the messenger.

Thank you !

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GYGSA Tournament Director