

**Club Sports – COVID-19 Response Plan – University of Arkansas  
Club Baseball**

- Utilize both sides of the field when practicing. This will include
  - o Splitting practice team into 2 groups: Infielders & Outfielders/Catchers
  - o Each respective group will place their belongings/equipment along the outside of the fence, on opposite sides of the field, at least 6 ft apart
  - o Each respective group will warm up (run, stretch, throw) on their side of the field, at least 12 ft apart
    - To further promote social distancing, warm up events will occur in groups of 2 to limit the contact among members, with each partner staying 12 ft away from each other at all times
  - o Fielding drills will be conducted separate of each other, with smaller groups (no more than 4) being allowed to hit in the batting cages on a rotation
    - 2 available cages mean 2 people per cage
  - o If in the event we are allowed to scrimmage/practice together, adequate space between participants will be ensured to make sure proper distancing is established and face coverings will be highly recommended.
  - o Take turns at each position with the players not in rotation standing along their respective side of the fence
- NCBA has contacted all teams with the following updates:
  - o All conference games will be scheduled for the spring. Scheduling will take place in late fall and we will be contacted in the coming months regarding schedule request form submission deadline
  - o Equipment shipment (game balls, batting helmets/catching gear, bats, etc.) has been delayed until further notice
  - o If our team plans to play baseball during the fall season, we must let them know so they can keep track of the teams playing in the fall
- An officer (Vice President) will take attendance with their own pen and paper and send a picture of the attendance sheet in the officer group chat where the attendance will be tracked on the excel spreadsheet that has been created. This will allow us to see who is attending consistently and whether or not if people who have not paid dues are still attending. The officer (Vice President) will also track the attendance on the required UREC form online.
- Ensure the screening occurs before any player gets their equipment out and heads to the field. It will be the collective responsibility of all members involved to enforce this strict guideline to make sure that no one is potentially harming other student athletes.
- The club currently owns 12 helmets and 14 bats. We will set up a program where equipment could be loaned out and kept track of in case players do not have their own equipment to bring to practice. It will be the players responsibility to keep track of the equipment and ensure that no one else uses it. They

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will also be required to sanitize the equipment and return once the semester/year is over. If a player has their own equipment, it will be recommended to them to use it.

- o The President (this year is Ike Bertels) shall be in charge of this program.

- o A log (Excel Spreadsheet) will be made of all team equipment. Each helmet will be numbered 1-12 with a Sharpie. Each bat will be numbered 1-14 with a Sharpie. These numbers will be added to the log.

- o At the instance of a player renting a piece of equipment, their name, number, and uark email will be taken and added to the log. This will keep track of which piece of equipment is rented and still in use by the player. When a player returns the equipment, their information will be taken off of the log.

- o This equipment will remain with the player for the duration of the season/the players involvement with the club, whichever happens first. The player shall keep the equipment in their own bag and carry it with them when travelling to the field. No other player shall be permitted to carry the equipment.

- o It will be this players responsibility to keep track of the equipment and make sure no one else uses it. If in the event that a player does not return the equipment by the required deadline or loses the equipment, a \$50 fee per helmet and \$100 fee per bat will be charged to the player. They will also not be allowed to participate in future events until the equipment is returned or fees are payed.

- All equipment (including baseballs) that are used during a practice or event shall be disinfected after each practice or event with a cleaning spray or wipe, such as Lysol. Loaned out equipment will also need to be sanitized. All players must sanitize their hands before stepping on the field and before leaving the field.