

ALBANY LITTLE LEAGUE 2025 SAFETY PLAN INFORMATION

Our commitment to safety:

Our league will annually publish a current Safety Plan. This plan is distributed to every manager, coach and parent volunteer before any practices or games take place.

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PUBLISH PROMINENTLY AT ALL LEAGUE FACILITIES



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Albany Little League is a Non-profit Organization run by Volunteers of our community who are committed to the children and their families in our community to implant firmly the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for one another and authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to become good, decent, healthy, and trustworthy citizens. We will provide an opportunity for our community's children to learn the game of Baseball in a *safe and friendly environment*.

SAFETY PROGRAM MISSION

The mission of our league's safety program for 2025 is to maintain a high degree of safety awareness to ensure our league is safe for the players. In addition, this document communicates what is expected from all Coaches, Players, Volunteers and Parents. It is the policy of our league to provide an environment in which the risk of injury is reduced to the lowest possible level by the application of our published safety code. Behavior in violation of the safety code will be treated as misconduct and may remit in the application of appropriate corrective action up to and including dismissal.



Little League Policy and CA District 4

We recognize that our program contributes in part to the development of young people. It instills confidence and an understanding of fair play and the rights of other people. Additionally, our participants not only develop their playing skill, but they also learn what competition and sportsmanship are all about. All who take part in our program are encouraged to develop a high moral code along with their improvement in physical skills and coordination. It is our hope that these high aims benefit not only our participants, but our overall community.



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You can never eliminate all of the possible injuries, however having a plan and using preventive safety precautions increase the odds for injury-free involvement in baseball.

Four “E’s” of Safety

EDUCATION refers to the important matter of including suitable safety precautions in instructions, training, communications, drill work and follow-up.

EQUIPMENT applies to the safe upkeep and use of physical property, fields, personal protective equipment, bleachers, bats, balls, etc.

ENTHUSIASM is the key to selling this important ingredient called safety, which can prevent painful and disabling accidents.

ENFORCEMENT should be applied more as an incentive for skillful ball playing rather than as disciplinary action. Far better results can be obtained by praise and recognition than by forcing players into line. Tactful guidance must be backed by firmness and justly used discipline.

DEFINING AND UNDERSTANDING TERMS IN THIS DOCUMENT

ACCIDENT is a sudden, undesirable and unplanned occurrence often resulting in bodily injury, disability and/or property damage.

ACCIDENT CAUSE is an unsafe condition, situation or act that may result directly in or contribute to the occurrence of an accident.

CORRECTIVE ACTION is the positive steps or measures taken to eliminate, or at least minimize, an accident cause.

HAZARD refers to a condition or a situation that could cause an accident.

INJURY is the physical harm or damage often resulting from an accident.

INSURANCE CLAIM refers to the right of a parent, as in the case of accident insurance to have eligible medical expenses resulting from an accidental injury connected with a game or scheduled practice paid by the appropriate insurance company

TYPE OF ACCIDENT is a phrase used to describe an unintentional, sudden incident that can be identified so effective counter measures may be taken. Examples are: struck by, tripped, fell, collision with, caught between, etc.

AN UNSAFE ACT refers to unintentional human failure or lack of skill that can lead to an accident. It is one of the two general accident causes, the other being an unsafe condition.

AN UNSAFE CONDITION is an abnormal or faulty situation or condition which may cause an accident. Its presence, particularly when an unsafe act is committed, may result in an accident. It is a recognized that the area personnel and facilities available for the operation of a Little League will dictate the structure of an effective safety program. These safety guidelines are presented as a goal toward which the adults who administer a league can work. The effectiveness of their efforts to prevent accidents will be measured more by their sincerity of purpose than by the amount of money and preponderance of volunteer effort at their disposal.



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FIRST AID KITS and SAFETY MANUAL

Each Manager, Coach, Player Agent, and League Official will be issued a Safety Manual and First Aid Kit at the beginning of the season. The manager will acknowledge the receipt of both via the League's website.

Each team will have a First Aid Kit and a Safety Manual in possession at games and practices. The First Aid Kit will include the necessary items to treat an injured player until professional help arrives if need be.

Two chemical ice packs of physical therapy quality will be issued to each team at the beginning of the season. Others are always available at the Snack Shack at the Village Fields.

The Safety Manual will also be accessible on the ALL website and include maps to hospitals and other emergency services, phone numbers for all Board Directors, the League Code of Conduct, Do's and Don'ts of treating injured players.



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FIRST AID

First aid is an important part of any safety program. Like insurance coverage, it is a form of protection that must be available in case of an emergency involving any injury.

Definition

First aid is the immediate, necessary, temporary, emergency care given for injuries. First-Aid means exactly what the term implies -- it is the first care given to a victim. It is usually performed by the first person on the scene and continued until professional medical help arrives.

At no time should anyone administering First-Aid go beyond his or her capabilities

Selection and Qualifications of First Aiders

At least one coach per team will receive first aid training prior to the start of the season. It is impractical to have a completely trained and experienced first aid person on duty at all times. However, our league will make every effort should be made to have several alternate first aid trained persons available. These persons will be trained in the basic requirements of first aid treatment, and their duties will keep them at the league's fields.

Ideally, this training should be from an accredited agency such as the American Red Cross. The alternative is to have first aid trained individual briefly and specifically for this purpose by a medical doctor or a registered nurse who is familiar with Little League operations. Minimum first aid training should include the handling of extreme emergencies such as the usage of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and external cardiac massage.

Know your limits!

The average response time on **9-1-1** calls is 5-7 minutes. En-route Paramedics are in constant communication with the local hospital at all times preparing them for whatever emergency action might need to be taken. You cannot do this. Therefore, do not attempt to transport a victim to a hospital. Perform whatever First Aid you can and wait for the paramedics to arrive.

First Aid-Kits

First Aid Kits will be furnished to each team at the beginning of the season. The First Aid Kit will become part of the Team's equipment package and shall be taken to all practices, batting cage practices, games (whether season or post-season) and any other Little League event where children's safety is at risk.



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Inventory your kit weekly. To **replenish materials** in the Team First Aid Kit, the Manager, designated coaches or the appointed Team Safety Officer must contact the League's Safety Officer. Supplies and replacement kits are also available at the Village Fields Snack Shack.

First Aid Kits and this Safety Manual must be turned in at the end of the season along with your equipment package.

The First Aid Kit will come in a red and white soft case and include the following items:

3 Instant Ice Packs	1 Pair of sterile Gloves
6 Antiseptic Wipes	1 Roll of Gauze
2 Large Bandages 2"x4"	2 Large Non-stick Bandages
20 Band-Aids	2 Antiseptic Cream Packs
1 Cloth Athletic Tape	2 Sterile Gauze pads
1 Roll of Gauze	2 Burn Cream Packs

Additional First-Aid Kits will be available in the Village Fields Snack Shack. Materials from these additional Kits may be used in emergency situations. Do not borrow supplies from these kits to replenish materials in the Team's Kit.

Good Samaritan Laws

There are laws to protect you when you help someone in an emergency situation. The "**Good Samaritan Laws**" **give legal protection** to people who provide emergency care to ill or injured persons. When citizens respond to an emergency and act as a *reasonable* and *prudent* person would under the same conditions, Good Samaritan immunity generally prevails. This legal immunity protects you, as a rescuer, from being sued and found financially responsible for the victim's injury. For example, a reasonable and prudent person would –

- Move a victim only if the victim's life was endangered.
- Ask a conscious victim for permission before giving care.
- Check the victim for life-threatening emergencies before providing further care.
- Summon professional help to the scene by calling **9-1-1**.
- Continue to provide care until more highly trained personnel arrive.

Good Samaritan laws were developed to encourage people to help others in emergency situations. They require that the "Good Samaritan" use common sense and a reasonable level of skill, not to exceed the scope of the individual's training in emergency situations. They assume each person would do his or her best to save a life or prevent further injury. People are rarely sued for helping in an emergency. However, the existence of Good Samaritan laws does not mean that someone cannot sue. In rare cases, courts have ruled that these laws do not apply in cases when an individual rescuer's response was grossly or willfully negligent or reckless or when the rescuer abandoned the victim after initiating care.



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Permission to Give Care

If the victim is conscious, you must have his/her permission before giving first-aid. To get permission you *must* tell the victim who you are, how much training you have, and how you plan to help. Only then can a conscious victim give you permission to give care. Do not give care to a conscious victim who refuses your offer to give care. If the conscious victim is an infant or child, permission to give care should be obtained from a supervising adult when one is available. If the condition is serious, permission is implied if a supervising adult is not present.

Permission is also implied if a victim is unconscious or unable to respond. This means that you can assume that, if the person could respond, he or she would agree to care.

Treatment At Site –

Do . . .

- **Access** the injury. If the victim is conscious, find out what happened, where it hurts, watch for shock.
- **Know** your limitations.
- **Call** 9-1-1 immediately if person is unconscious or seriously injured.
- **Look** for signs of *injury (blood, black-and-blue, deformity of joint etc.)*
- **Listen** to the injured player describe what happened and what hurts if conscious. Before questioning, you may have to calm and soothe an excited child.
- **Feel** gently and carefully the injured area for signs of swelling or grating of broken bone.
- **Talk** to your team afterwards about the situation if it involves them. Often players are upset and worried when another player is injured. They need to feel safe and understand why the injury occurred.

Don't . . .

- **Administer** any medications.
- **Provide** any food or beverages (other than water).
- **Hesitate** in giving aid when needed.
- **Be afraid** to ask for help if you're not sure of the proper Procedure, (i.e., CPR, etc.)
- **Transport** injured individual except in extreme emergencies.



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9-1-1 EMERGENCY NUMBER

The most important help that you can provide to a victim who is seriously injured is to call for professional medical help. Make the call quickly, preferably from a cell phone near the injured person. If this is not possible, send someone else to make the call from a nearby telephone. Be sure that you or another caller follows these steps.

1. First Dial **9-1-1**.
2. Give the dispatcher the necessary information. Answer any questions that he or she might ask. Most dispatchers will ask:
3. The exact location or address of the emergency. Include the name of the city or town, nearby intersections, landmarks, etc.
4. The telephone number from which the call is being made.
5. The caller's name.
6. What happened - for example, a baseball related injury, bicycle accident, fire, fall, etc.
7. How many people are involved.
8. The condition of the injured person - for example, unconsciousness, chest pains, or severe bleeding.
9. What help (first aid) is being given.
10. Do not hang up until the dispatcher hangs up. The EMS dispatcher may be able to tell you how to best care for the victim.
11. Continue to care for the victim till professional help arrives.
12. Appoint somebody to go to the street and look for the **ambulance** and **fire engine** and flag them down if necessary. This saves valuable time. Remember, every minute counts.

When to call - *If you have any doubt at all, call 9-1-1 and request paramedics.*

If the injured person is unconscious, call **9-1-1** immediately. Sometimes a conscious victim will tell you not to call an ambulance, and you may not be sure what to do. Call **9-1-1** anyway and request paramedics if the victim -

- Is or becomes unconscious.
- Has trouble breathing or is breathing in a strange way.
- Has chest pain or pressure.
- Is bleeding severely.
- Has pressure or pain in the abdomen that does not go away.
- Is their vomiting or passing blood?
- Has seizures, a severe headache, or slurred speech.
- Appears to have been poisoned.
- Has injuries to the head, neck or back.
- Has possible broken bones?

Calls from cell phones to 911 go to an area California Highway Patrol (CHP) dispatch center. The Dispatchers there then transfer callers to the right agency based on where the caller says they are and the type of emergency, so be clear with your location and that you have a medical emergency.



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Also Call 9-1-1 for any of these situations:

- Fire or explosion
- Downed electrical wires
- Swiftly moving or rapidly rising water
- Presence of poisonous gas
- Vehicle Collisions
- Vehicle/Bicycle Collisions
- Victims who cannot be moved easily

When treating an injury, remember:

Protection

Rest

Ice

Compression

Elevation

Support

Each coach will have with them at each practice and game a copy of each player's medical release form which contains with emergency phone numbers, doctor and hospital information.

Notification of Family

It is extremely important that, as soon as provision has been made for the care of injured or ill people who require outside treatment, their family be notified as soon as possible.

Follow-Up on First Aid Cases

1. A thorough investigation will be made to find the cause(s) of an accident and action started to prevent reoccurrence.
2. An insurance claim should be filed when outside medical attention is required. Do not wait for medical bills to arrive. They can be submitted as they become available. They must be identified by including the person's name, league name and number, date of injury, and city and state of residence. Bills should be itemized to show dates and type of treatments.
3. Any player under the care of a doctor is required to bring a note from the doctor to the manager releasing the player to play ball before being allowed to return to the lineup.



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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS



Police Department Emergency Number –
510-525-7300 or 911-Albany
510-981-5911 or 911-Berkeley
510-215-4400 or 911-El Cerrito



Fire Department Emergency Number –
510-528-5770 or 911-Albany
510-981-5911 or 911-Berkeley
510-237-3231 or 911-El Cerrito



Our Closest Hospital Number -
510-428-3000 – Childrens - Oakland
510-204-4444 – Alta Bates



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Our Facilities:
Albany Village Fields
Majors, Minors, Rookie, T-Ball, and Snack Shack
Corner of 10th Street and Monroe Street in Albany

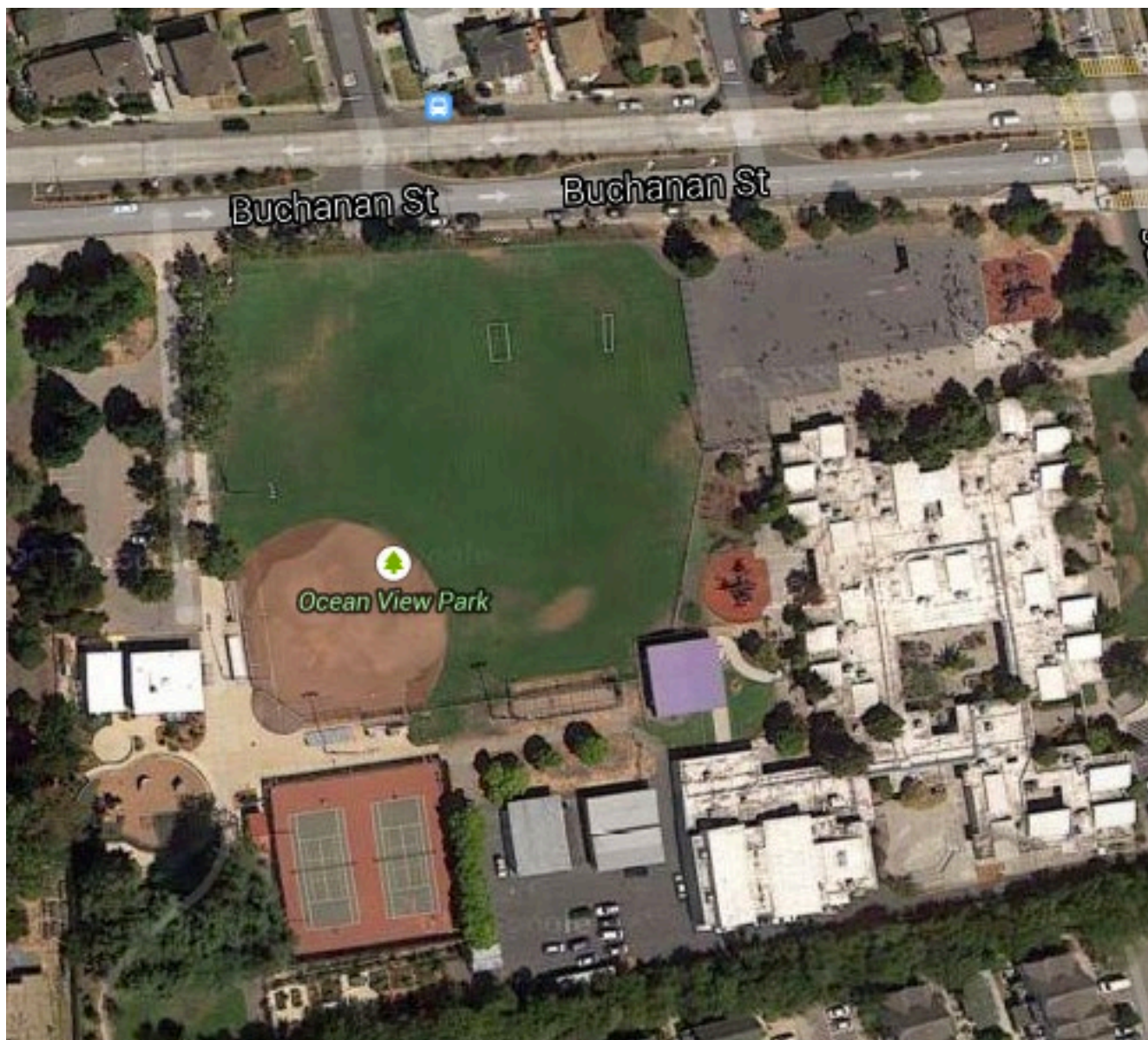




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Ocean View Field
Intermediate
900 Buchanan Street, Albany CA 94706





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Memorial Field
Juniors
1325 Portland Ave, Albany 94706





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Cougar Fields
Minors
1259 Brighton Avenue, Albany 94706

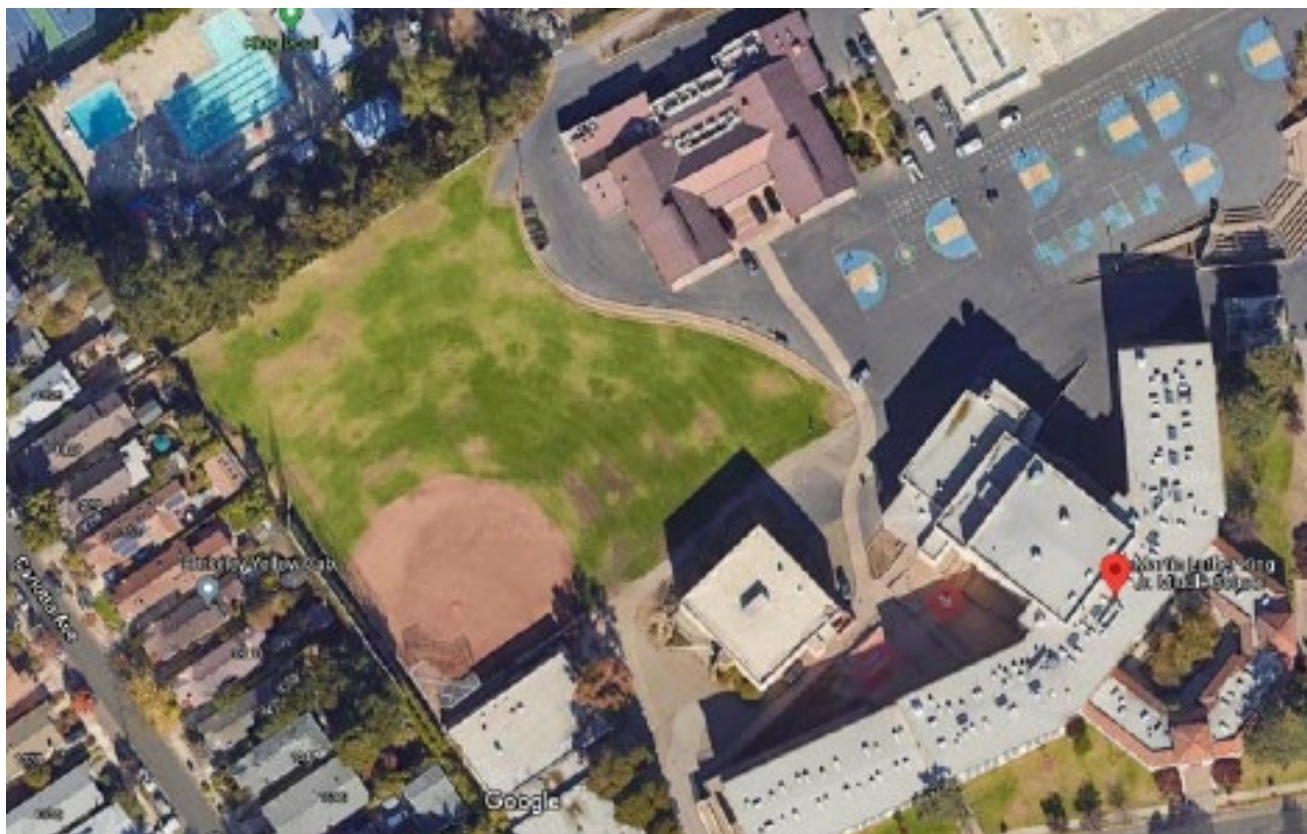




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King Middle School
Intermediate and Juniors
1781 Rose St, Berkeley, CA 94703





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LEAGUE SAFETY CODE

The Board of Directors of Albany Little League has mandated the following **Safety Code**. All managers and coaches will read this **Safety Code** and then discuss it with the players on their team.

- Responsibility for safety procedures belongs to every adult member of our Little League.
- Each player, manager, designated coach, umpire shall use proper reasoning and care to prevent injury to him/herself and to others.
- Only league approved managers and/or coaches are allowed to practice teams.
- Only league-approved managers and/or coaches will supervise batting Cages.
- Arrangement should be made in advance of all games and practices for emergency medical services.
- Managers, designated coaches and umpires will have mandatory training in First Aid.
- First-aid kits are issued to each team manager during the pre-season and additional kits will be located at each Snack Bar.
- No games or practices will be held when weather or field conditions are poor, particularly when lighting is inadequate.
- Play area will be inspected before games and practices for holes, damage, stones, glass and other foreign objects.
- Team equipment should be stored within the team dugout or behind screens, and not within the area defined by the umpires as “in play.”
- Only players, managers, coaches and umpires are permitted on the playing field or in the dugout during games and practice sessions.
- All catchers must wear a mask, “dangling” type throat protector and catcher’s helmet during practice, pitcher warm-up, and games. **Note:** Skullcaps are **not** permitted.
- Shoes with metal spikes or cleats are **not** permitted, except at the Junior Baseball Level and above. Shoes with molded cleats are permissible.



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- Reduced impact balls will be used at all levels below the Major Division, to include the Challenger's Division.
- Disengage-able bases are mandatory for ALL league fields.
- Players will not wear watches, rings, pins, jewelry or other metallic items during practices or games. (Exception: Jewelry that alerts medical personnel to a specific condition is permissible and this must be taped in place.)
- No food or drink, at any time, in the dugouts. (Exception: bottled water, Gatorade and water from drinking fountains)
- Catchers must wear a catcher's mitt (not a first baseman's mitt or fielder's glove) of any shape, size or weight consistent with protecting the hand.
- Catchers may not catch, whether warming up a pitcher, in practices, or games without wearing full catcher's gear and an athletic cup as described above.
- Managers and coaches will never leave an unattended child at a practice or game.
- No children under the age of 15 are permitted in the Snack Bar without adult supervision.
- Never hesitate to report any present or potential safety hazard to the Safety Officer immediately.
- Make arrangements to have a cellular phone available when a game or practice is at a facility that does not have public phones.
- Speed Limit is 5 miles per hour in the parking lots surrounding our fields.
- **NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED AT ANY OF OUR FACILITIES OR FIELDS, ANY TIME.**
- **No medication** will be taken at the facility unless administered directly by the child's parent. This includes aspirin and Tylenol.
- No playing in the parking lots at any time.
- No playing in construction areas at any time. This includes the sand bins.
- No playing on and around lawn equipment, machinery at any time.



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- **NO SMOKING ALLOWED AT ANY OF OUR FACILITIES OR FIELDS.**
- No swinging bats or throwing baseballs at any time within the walkways and common areas of the complex.
- No throwing rocks.
- No climbing fences.
- No swinging on dugout roofs.
- No pets are permitted on the premises at any time. This includes dogs, cats, horses, etc.
- Observe all posted signs.
- Players and spectators should be alert at all times for foul balls and errant throws.
- All gates to the fields must remain closed at all times. After players have entered or left the playing field, gates should be closed and secured.
- Bicycle helmets must be worn at all times when riding bicycles on the premises as well as to and from the premises.
- Use crosswalks when crossing roadways. Always be alert for traffic.
- The schools and businesses adjacent to our facilities and fields are off limits at all times.
- No one is allowed on the complex with open wounds at any time. Wounds should be treated and properly bandaged.
- There is no running allowed in the bleachers.



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SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES

THE PRESIDENT

The President of our league is responsible for ensuring that the policies and regulations of the League's Safety Officer are carried out by the entire membership to the best of his abilities.

LEAGUE SAFETY OFFICER

The main responsibility of the Safety Officer is to develop and implement our League's safety program. The Safety Officer is the link between the Board of Directors of our Little League and its managers, coaches, umpires, team safety officers, players, spectators, and any other third parties on the complex in regards to safety matters, rules and regulations.

The Safety Officer's Responsibilities Include:

- Preparing and updating the League's Safety Plan.
- Coordinate with the Team Managers, Coaches and Parents to provide the safest environment possible.
- Assisting parents and individuals with insurance claims and will act as the liaison between the insurance company and the parents and individuals.
- Explaining insurance benefits to claimants and assisting them with filing the correct paperwork.
- Keeping the First Aid Log. This log will list where accidents and injuries are occurring, to whom, in which divisions, at what times, and under what supervision.
- Correlating and summarizing the data in the First-Aid Log to determine proper accident prevention in the future.
- Insuring that each team receives its Safety Manual and its First-Aid Kit at the beginning of the season.
- Installing First-Aid Kits in all concession stands and re-stocking the kits as needed.
- Make Little League's "no tolerance with child abuse" clear to all.
- Inspecting concession stands and checking fire extinguishers.
- Instructing Snack Shack workers on the use of fire extinguishers.
- Checking fields with the Field Managers and listing areas needing attention.
- Scheduling and attending First-Aid training classes for managers, coaches, umpires, and team safety officers during the pre-season.
- **Manager/Safety Parent training course schedule to be determined.**
- Creating and maintaining all signs on the fields and facilities including No Parking signs, No Smoking signs, No Pets Allowed, cautionary signs etc.
- Acting immediately in resolving unsafe or hazardous conditions once a situation has been brought to his/her attention.
- Making spot checks at practices and games to make sure all managers have their First-Aid Kits and Safety Manuals.
- Tracking all injuries and near misses to identify injury trends.
- Visiting other leagues to allow a fresh perspective on safety.



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- Making sure that safety is a monthly Board Meeting topic and allowing experienced people to share ideas on improving safety.

MANAGERS AND COACHES

The Manager is a person appointed by the President to be responsible for the team's actions on the field, and to represent the team in communications with the umpire and the opposing team.

- The Manager is responsible for the team's conduct, observance of the official rules and deference to the umpires. **Remember coaches are Role Models.**
- The Manager is responsible for the safety of the players. He/She is also ultimately responsible for the actions of designated coaches.
- The Manager may recruit a Team Safety Parent (TSP) to assist with managing the safety protocols as noted in this manual. However, the Manager is ultimately responsible for the safety of the players.
- If a Manager leaves the field, that Manager will designate a Coach as a substitute and such Substitute Manager shall have the duties, rights, and responsibilities of the Manager.
- There shall be at least two adults, at least one of whom shall be either the Manager or Coaches. A parent volunteer may be the second adult in a one-off situation. All adults with repetitive interactions with team players shall go through the volunteer vetting process.

PRE-SEASON

- Take possession of the First-Aid Kit and the Safety Manual.
- Must own or have access to a cell phone for emergencies if games or practices take place off the main complex.
- Complete online CDC Concussion Training at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>
- Complete online Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training: <https://epsavealife.org/sca-prevention-training/>
- Complete online LLI Abuse Awareness Program:
<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>
- Have a team meeting to discuss Little League philosophy and safety issues.
- Cover the basics of safe play with his/her team before starting the first practice.
- Teach players the fundamentals of the game while advocating safety.
- Teach players how to slide before the season starts. A coach coordinator can be available to teach these fundamentals if the Manager or designated coaches do not know them.
- they have a note from their doctor. This medical release protects you if that child should become further injured or ill. There are no exceptions to this rule.
- Encourage players to bring water bottles to practices and games.
- Tell parents to bring sunscreen for themselves and their child.
- Encourage your players to wear mouth protection.



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SEASON PLAY

- Work closely with Coaches and Parents to make sure equipment is in first-rate working order.
- Make sure that telephone access is available at all activities including practices. It is suggested that a cellular phone always be on hand.
- Not expect more from their players than what the players are capable of.
- Teach the fundamentals of the game to players such as catching fly balls, sliding correctly, proper fielding of ground balls, simple pitching motion for balance
- Be open to ideas, suggestions or help.
- Reinforce that prevention is the key to reducing accidents to a minimum.
- Have players wear sliding pads if they have cuts or scrapes on their legs.
- Always have First-Aid Kit, Safety Manual and Players' Medical Release Forms on hand.
- Use common sense.

PRE-GAME AND PRACTICE

- Make sure that players are healthy, rested and alert.
- Make sure that players returning from being injured have a medical release form signed by their doctor. Otherwise, they can't play.
- Make sure players are wearing the proper uniform and catchers are wearing a cup.
- Make sure that the equipment is in good working order and is safe.
- Agree with the opposing manager on the fitness of the playing field. In the event that the two managers cannot agree, a duly delegated representative shall make the determination.
- Enforce the rule that no bats and balls are permitted on the field until all players have done their proper stretching.

DURING THE GAME

- Make sure that players carry all gloves and other equipment off the field and to the dugout when their team is up at bat.
- No equipment shall be left lying on the field, either in fair or foul territory.
- Keep players alert.
- Maintain discipline at all times.
- Be organized.
- Keep players and substitutes sitting on the team's bench or in the dugout unless participating in the game or preparing to enter the game.
- Make sure catchers are wearing the proper equipment.
- Encourage everyone to think Safety First.
- Observe the "no on-deck" rule for batters and keep players behind the screens at all times.
- No player should handle a bat in the dugouts at any time.
- Keep players off fences.
- Keep players out of bullpen unless they are pitcher and catcher in the proper gear getting warmed up to enter the game.
- Get players to drink often so they do not dehydrate.



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- Not play children that are ill or injured.
- Attend to children that become injured in a game.
- Not lose focus by engaging in conversation with parents and passersby.

POST GAME

- Do cool down exercises with the players.
- Not leave the field until every team member has been picked up by a known family member or designated driver.
- Notify parents if their child has been injured no matter how insignificant the injury is. There are no exceptions to this rule. This protects you, Little League Baseball, Inc. and our local league.
- Discuss any safety problems with the TSP that occurred before, during or after the game.
- If there was an injury, ensure an accident report was filled out and given to the League Safety Officer.
- Return the field to its pre-game condition, per League policy.

If a manager knowingly disregards safety, he/she will be brought before the League's Board of Directors to explain his or her conduct.

TEAM SAFETY PARENT (TSP)

The TSP is a Role model to younger children, defender of safety, liaison between the team and the League Safety Officer, and hero when taking safety seriously prevents injuries.

PRE-SEASON

- Acquire the League Safety Manual from the team manager and read it.
- Attend to all injuries and complete the "Incident/Injury Tracking Report" as needed.
- Maintain the first aid kit inventory, including ice packs. Refill with the Safety Officer as needed.
- Complete online CDC Concussion Training at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html>
- Complete online LLI Abuse Awareness Program:
<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>
- Complete online Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training: <https://epsavealife.org/sca-prevention-training/>
- Ensure parents have completed their Little League Medical Release (parent signs) and the Parent/Athlete Concussion Information Sheet (parent signs). Samples documents are in the appendix.
- Inspect the equipment when the Equipment Manager issues it to your team and replace any equipment that looks unsafe.
- Get to know the players on your team.
- Ask parents if their child has any medical conditions they would like to make you aware of that could affect their actions on the field. Please note: This is at the parents' discretion. Parents are not required to provide any medical information other than what is already listed on their medical release forms.



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DURING THE SEASON

- Keep a Safety Log of all injuries that occur on his or her team.
- Report weekly as part of a Safety Committee to the League Safety Officer even if nothing is wrong.
- Inspect players' equipment for cracks and broken straps on a routine basis.
- Have a five-minute safety meeting with the team each week.
- Communicate any safety infractions to the League Safety Officer or any other Board Member.
- Have parents fill out "driving permission slips" if transporting a child to a game/practice is necessary.
- Help managers and designated coaches give First-Aid if needed.
- Act as a conduit between parents, managers, the League Safety Officer and the kids.
- Fill out accident reports if an injury occurs, Report an injury to the League Safety Officer within 12 hours of the occurrence.
- Monitor the First-Aid Kit inventory and ask the League Safety Officer for replacements when needed.

PRE-GAME

- Make sure that this Safety Manual and the First-Aid Kit are present.
- Greet the players as they arrive and make sure everyone is feeling all right.
- Watch the players when they stretch and do warm up exercises for signs of stress or injury.
- Check equipment for cracks and broken straps.
- Walk the field remove broken glass and other hazardous materials.
- Be ready to go into action if anyone should get hurt.

DURING THE GAME

- Watch players to see that they are alert at all time.
- In case of injury, help the team manager treat the child until professional help arrives.
- Act as the conduit between the League Safety Officer, the team manager, the child and his or her parents.

POST-GAME

- Record any safety infractions or injuries in his/her Safety Log.
- Report any injuries to the League Safety Officer within 12 hours of the occurrence.
- Fill out an accident investigation report (see appendix A) and send a copy to the League Safety Officer if there is an injury requiring medical attention.
- Assist parents if child must go to a hospital or to see a doctor.
- Provide insurance documentation to the hospital if necessary (Claim form is in the appendix B with all necessary insurance information).
- Follow-up with parents to make sure the child is all right.

If a Manager has not appointed a Team Safety Parent then he must assume those responsibilities.



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UMPIRES

PRE-GAME

- Check equipment in dugouts of both teams, equipment that does not meet specifications must be removed from the game.
- Make sure catchers are wearing helmets when warming up pitchers.
- Run hands along bats to make sure there are no splinters.
- Make sure that bats have grips.
- Make sure there are foam inserts in helmets and that helmets meet Little League NOCSAE specifications and have the Little League's seal of approval.
- Inspect helmets for cracks.
- Walk the field for hazards and obstructions (e.g. rocks and glass).
- Check players to see if they are wearing jewelry.
- Check players to see if they are wearing metal cleats.
- Make sure that all playing lines are marked with non-caustic lime, chalk or other white material easily distinguishable from the ground or grass.
- Secure official Little League balls for play from home team.
- Use the FIELD SAFETY CHECK LIST (included in the appendix of this safety manual) to document that all of the above was carried out.

DURING THE GAME

- Govern the game as mandated by Little League rules and regulations.
- Check baseballs for discoloration and nicks and declare a ball unfit for use if it exhibits these traits.
- Act as the sole judge as to whether and when play shall be suspended or terminated during a game because of unsuitable weather conditions or the unfit condition of the playing field; as to whether and when play shall be resumed after such suspension; and as to whether and when a game shall be terminated after such suspension.
- Act as the sole judge as to whether and when play shall be suspended or terminated during a game because of low visibility due to atmospheric conditions or darkness.
- Enforce the rule that no spectators shall be allowed on the field during the game.
- Make sure catchers are wearing the proper equipment.
- Continue to monitor the field for safety and playability.
- Make the calls loud and clear, signaling each call properly.
- Make sure players and spectators keep their fingers out of the fencing.

POST GAME

- Check with the managers of both teams regarding safety violations.
- Report any unsafe situations to the League Safety Officer by telephone and in writing.



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HAVE YOU:

- ✓ **Walked field for debris/foreign objects**
- ✓ **Inspected helmets, bats, catchers' gear**
- ✓ **Made sure a First Aid kit is available**
- ✓ **Checked conditions of fences, backstops, bases and warning track**
- ✓ **Made sure a working telephone is available**
- ✓ **Held a warm-up drill**



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Copy and post in dugouts.

Don't Swing It

...Until You're Up to the Plate!



(Photos from North Scott, Iowa, Little League)

Don't let this happen to you, or to a teammate.

REMEMBER:

Don't pick up your bat until you leave the dugout, to approach the plate.

RULE 1.08, Notes

"1. The on-deck position is not permitted in Tee Ball, Minor League or Little League (Majors) Division. 2. Only the first batter of each half-inning will be allowed outside the dugout between the half-innings in Tee Ball, Minor League or Little League (Majors) Division."



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Emergency Medical Releases:

Insurance riders are needed if any practices, games or events involving baseball, on or off of our facilities take place before or after the regularly scheduled season and “All Star” post season. Insurance riders are also necessary if non-Little League teams practice, play games, or hold tournaments at the League’s facility.

***SAFETY FIRST!
BE ALERT!
CHECK PLAYING FIELD FOR HAZARDS
PLAYERS MUST WEAR PROPER EQUIPMENT
ENSURE EQUIPMENT IS IN GOOD SHAPE
MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE SITUATION
MAINTAIN DISCIPLINE
BE ORGANIZED
KNOW PLAYERS’ LIMITS
AND DON’T EXCEED THEM
MAKE IT FUN!***



WARNING: Protective equipment cannot prevent all injuries a player might receive while participating in Baseball / Softbal



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OUR LEAGUE STRICTLY FOLLOWS THE LITTLE LEAGUE
PITCHING RULES

Protecting Young Pitching Arms

Children should not be encouraged to "play through pain." Pain is a warning sign of injury. Ignoring it can lead to greater injury.



*The Little League® Pitch Count Regulation Guide
for Parents, Coaches and League Officials*



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What They Are Saying About Little League's Pitch Count Regulation...

"This is one of the most important injury-prevention steps ever initiated in youth baseball by the leader in youth baseball. It is certain to serve as the youth sports injury prevention cornerstone and the inspiration for other youth organizations to take the initiative to get serious about injury prevention in youth sports." – **Dr. James Andrews, medical director and the world's foremost authority on pitching injuries at the American Sports Medicine Institute**

"We, as scouts, like fresh arms and cringe when we hear of players throwing 100-plus pitches. You can teach players with fresh arms and mold them. Older players, or players who have thrown a lot, simply don't adapt well to change and have a greater chance of being injured." – **Jimmy Lester, scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates**

"Following the pitch count rule made our managers teach the fundamentals and start to develop more pitching at a younger age." – **Jeff Keller, manager of the 2007 Northwest U.S. Champion Murrayhill (Ore.) Little League team**

"It's too early to see kids having elbow and shoulder surgery at 17 and 18 years old. I vote for doing the best we can to take care of them, and that's why I support this program." – **Mike Mussina, Major League Baseball pitcher**

"By the time (the Marlins) sign a player, I've done extensive medical background work. A lot of guys have already had specific problems with their arms because coaches don't seem to realize that there are only a certain number of throws a player has in him." – **Matt Anderson, scout for the Florida Marlins**

"Naturally, this rule will make coaches develop more pitching. I've said all along, a pitcher's arm has a certain number of throws in it before it gives out. Little League is for fun no matter how you look at it. It's not about throwing a player's arm away to win a game." – **Randy Morris, manager of the 2006 Little League Baseball World Championship team, Columbus (Ga.) Little League**

"I think Little League going to a pitch count is awesome. I think since players in pro baseball are on pitch counts, that tells you something. Teams want their pitchers to be healthy and have something left. I can't imagine a Little League coach's argument against that." – **Dale Murphy, former Major League player**

"Over the course of the regular season and into tournament play is when you will see the benefits of counting a player's pitches. By keeping pitch numbers down in April and May, these players will be better pitchers in June and July." – **Jamie Reed, athletic trainer for the Texas Rangers**

"Little League has a rich history of pioneering baseball safety innovations. As the world's largest organized youth sports program, Little League is proud to take a leadership position in youth sports safety." – **Stephen D. Keener, president and chief executive officer, Little League Baseball**



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PITCH COUNT

Pitch count does matter.

Every year, at our annual First-Aid clinic, we provide warnings to our future managers and coaches about pitching injuries and how to prevent them. In the major leagues, a pitcher is removed after approximately 100 pitches.

A child cannot be expected to perform like an adult!

Little League managers and coaches are usually quick to teach their pitchers how to get movement on the ball. Unfortunately, the technique that older players use is not appropriate for children thirteen (13) years and younger. The snapping of the arm used to develop this technique will most probably lead to serious injuries to the child as he/she matures. Arm stress during the acceleration phase of throwing affects both the inside and the outside of the growing elbow. On the inside, the structures are subjected to distraction forces, causing them to pull apart. On the outside, the forces are compressive in nature with different and potentially more serious consequences. The key structures on the inside (or medial) aspect of the elbow include the tendons of the muscles that allow the wrist to flex and the growth plate of the medial epicondyle ("Knobby" bone on the inside of the elbow). The forces generated during throwing can cause this growth plate to pull away (avulse) from the main bone. If the distance between the growth plate and main bone is great enough, surgery is the only option to fix it. This growth plate does not fully adhere to the main bone until age 15! Similarly, on the outside of the elbow the two bony surfaces can be damaged by compressive forces during throwing. This scenario can lead to a condition called Avascular Necrosis or Bone Cell Death as a result of compromise of the local blood flow to that area. This disorder is permanent and often leads to fragments of the bone breaking away (loose bodies), which float in the joint and can cause early arthritis. This loss of elbow motion and function often precludes further participation.

Studies have demonstrated that curveballs cause most problems at the inside of the elbow due to the sudden contractive forces of the wrist musculature. Fastballs, on the other hand, place more force at the outside of the elbow. Sidearm delivery, in one study, led to elbow injuries in 74% of pitchers compared with 27% in pitchers with a vertical delivery style. The American Sports Medicine Institute has completed a study funded by USA Baseball that evaluated pitch counts in skeletally immature athletes as they relate to both elbow and shoulder injuries.

DATA HAS SHOWN THE FOLLOWING:

- A significantly higher risk of **elbow** injury occurred after pitchers reached 50 pitches/outing.
- A significantly higher risk of **shoulder** injury occurred after pitchers reached 75 pitches/outing.
- In one season, a **total of 450 pitches or more** led to cumulative injury to the elbow and the shoulder.
- The mechanics, whether good or bad, **did not** lead to an increased incidence of arm injuries.
- The preliminary data suggest that throwing curveballs increases risk of injury to the shoulder more so than the elbow; however, subset analysis is being undertaken to investigate whether or not the older children were the pitchers throwing the curve.
- The pitchers who limited their pitching repertoire to the fastball and change-up had the lowest rate of injury to their throwing arm.
- A slider increased the risk of **both elbow and shoulder** problems.



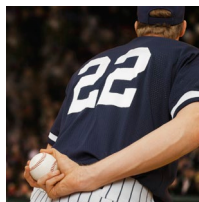
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Managers and Coaches should look to their players' future and make an effort to protect their elbows against the tragedy of Avascular Necrosis.

THE PITCH COUNT REGULATION

The following is the text of the new regular season Pitch Count Regulation for all levels of Little League Baseball.



2025 Little League Baseball Regular Season and Tournament Rules

Recent rule changes adopted by the Little League International Board of Directors will bring pitching rules for tournament baseball in line with the regular season rules. The changes were made after many district administrators and local Little League volunteers had requested the pitching rules become more consistent.

“A few years ago, scientific studies showed epidemic increases in youth pitching injuries and pointed to overuse as the primary factor,” Dr. James Andrews, Chairman of the American Sports Medicine Institute and a member of the Little League International Board of Directors, said. “Little League baseball should be congratulated as the leader in addressing this issue by introducing pitch count limits. This has led to increased awareness at all levels including players, parents, coaches, and other youth league organizations, and hopefully, a decrease in number of injuries. The current changes adopted by Little League should help further the ability of kids to enjoy and advance in baseball without serious overuse injuries.”

The most noticeable change to the rules was adopted in the area of rest required between pitching appearances, for tournament play. The new rule eliminates the game required in between pitching appearances while increasing the number of days of rest. Adoption of the new rules makes the pitching regulations the same for tournament and regular season play.

Previously, for example, a 12-year-old pitcher in the regular season who threw the maximum 85 pitches in a day was required to have either three calendar days of rest and one game (or four days of rest and no game, at the option of the local league), before pitching again. In 2012, that same pitcher will simply be required to have four days of rest.

Previously, for tournament play including the Little League Baseball World Series, a 12-year-old pitcher who threw 85 pitches would need two days of rest, and one game, before pitching again. In 2023, that pitcher will be required to have four days of rest, same as during the regular season. As in previous years, as the number of pitches decreases, the number of days of rest also decreases incrementally.



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2023 Pitch Count Regulations

Ages	Maximum
13 - 16	95 pitches per day
11 -12	85 pitches per day
9 - 10	75 pitches per day
7 - 8	50 pitches per day

Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 66 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 51 - 65 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 36 - 50 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 21 - 35 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 1-20 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

Pitchers league age 15-16 must adhere to the following rest requirements:

If a player pitches 76 or more pitches in a day, four (4) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 61 - 75 pitches in a day, three (3) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 46 - 60 pitches in a day, two (2) calendar days of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 31 -45 pitches in a day, one (1) calendar day of rest must be observed.

If a player pitches 1-30 pitches in a day, no (0) calendar day of rest is required.

Exception: If a pitcher reaches the limit imposed in Regulation VI (c) for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs:

1. That batter reaches base;
2. That batter is put out;
3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

At Major divisions and below, a pitcher may not pitch in more than one game in a day. A pitcher once removed from the mound may not return as a pitcher in the same game;

In the Junior/Senior/Big League Divisions, a pitcher remaining in the game, but moving to a different position, can return as a pitcher any time in the remainder of the game, but only once per game. In the Big League Division, a player may be used as a pitcher in up to two games in a day.)

A player who has thrown more than 40 pitches on a given day may not be utilized as a catcher for the rest of that day. A player who has been utilized as catcher in four or more innings in a day is ineligible to pitch for the rest of that day (being the catcher for one pitch in an inning constitutes catching in that inning).

Each league must designate the scorekeeper or another game official as the official pitch count recorder.



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The pitch count recorder must provide the current pitch count for any pitcher when requested by either manager or any umpire. However, the manager is responsible for knowing when his/her pitcher must be removed.

The official pitch count recorder should inform the umpire-in-chief when a pitcher has delivered his/her maximum limit of pitches for the game, as noted in Regulation VI (c).

The umpire-in-chief will inform the pitcher's manager that the pitcher must be removed in accordance with Regulation VI (c). However, the failure by the pitch count recorder to notify the umpire-in-chief, and/or the failure of the umpire-in-chief to notify the manager, does not relieve the manager of his/her responsibility to remove a pitcher when that pitcher is no longer eligible. Violation of any section of this regulation can result in protest of the game in which it occurs. Protest shall be made in accordance with Playing Rule 4.19.

A player who has attained the league age of twelve (12) is not eligible to pitch in the Minor League. (See Regulation V – Selection of Players)

The withdrawal of an ineligible pitcher after that pitcher is announced, or after a warm-up pitch is delivered, but before that player has pitched a ball to a batter, shall not be considered a violation. Little League officials are urged to take precautions to prevent protests. When a protest situation is imminent, the potential offender should be notified immediately.

Pitches delivered in games declared "Regulation Tie Games" or "Suspended Games" shall be charged against pitcher's eligibility.

In suspended games resumed on another day, the pitchers of record at the time the game was halted may continue to pitch to the extent of their eligibility for that day, provided said pitcher has observed the required days of rest.

Example 1: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on the following Thursday. The pitcher is not eligible to pitch in the resumption of the game because he/she has not observed the required days of rest.

Example 2: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes on Saturday. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game because he/she has observed the required days of rest.

Example 3: A league age 12 pitcher delivers 70 pitches in a game on Monday when the game is suspended. The game resumes two weeks later. The pitcher is eligible to pitch up to 85 more pitches in the resumption of the game, provided he/she is eligible based on his/her pitching record during the previous four days.

Note: The use of this regulation negates the concept of the "calendar week" with regard to pitching eligibility.

How we will Track Pitches - The Little League Pitch Count Log found in Appendix G or an approved equal will be used to track pitches.



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(2021) LITTLE LEAGUE BAT RULES

RULE 1.10 - BASEBALL

The bat must be a baseball bat which meets Little League specifications and standards as noted in this rule. It shall be a smooth, rounded stick and made of wood or of material and color tested and proved acceptable to Little League standards.

Little League (Majors) and below:

It shall not be more than thirty-three (33) inches in length nor more than two and one-quarter ($2\frac{1}{4}$) inches in diameter. Non-wood bats shall be labeled with a BPF (bat performance factor) of 1.15 or less.

EXCEPTION: For the Little League (Majors) and below, for regular season play and Tournament, composite bats are prohibited unless approved by Little League International. View the list of approved and licensed composite bats.

Intermediate (50-70) Division and Junior League

It shall not be more than 34 inches in length; nor more than $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths ($\frac{15}{16}$) inches in diameter ($\frac{7}{8}$ inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. All composite barrel bats shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.

Senior League:

It shall not be more than 36 inches in length, nor more than $2\frac{5}{8}$ inches in diameter, and if wood, not less than fifteen-sixteenths ($\frac{15}{16}$) inches in diameter ($\frac{7}{8}$ inch for bats less than 30") at its smallest part. The bat shall not weigh, numerically, more than three ounces less than the length of the bat (e.g., a 33-inch-long bat cannot weigh less than 30 ounces). All bats not made of a single piece of wood shall meet the Batted Ball Coefficient of Restitution (BBCOR) performance standard, and such bats shall be so labeled with a silkscreen or other permanent certification mark. The certification mark shall be rectangular, a minimum of a half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color. Aluminum and composite bats shall be marked as to their material makeup being aluminum or composite. This marking shall be silkscreen or other permanent certification mark, a minimum of one-half-inch on each side and located on the barrel of the bat in any contrasting color.



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DECERTIFIED BATS

Note 1 (2-28-12): USA Baseball has advised Little League that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has provided official notice that the BBCOR decertification process has been implemented for the Marucci CAT5 and Reebok Vector-TLS 33-inch model bats.

Effectively immediately and until notified otherwise, these bats (Marucci CAT5 and Reebok Vector-TLS 33-inch length bats) should be considered non-compliant and subject to Junior and Senior League Baseball Rules 1.10 and 6.06(d). It should be noted that the National Federation of State High School Associations has taken similar action.

USA Baseball has advised Little League that the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) has provided official notice that the BBCOR decertification process has been implemented for the Marucci CAT5 Squared 34-inch model bat and the Marucci Black 33-inch and 34 inch models.

Effectively immediately and until notified otherwise, these bats (Marucci CAT5 Squared 34-inch length and Marucci Black 33-inch length and 34-inch length) should be considered non-compliant and subject to Junior and Senior League Baseball Rules 1.10 and 6.06(d). In all divisions, wood bats may be taped or fitted with a sleeve for a distance not exceeding sixteen (16) inches (18 inches for Junior/Senior League Baseball) from the small end. A non-wood bat must have a grip of cork, tape or composition material, and must extend a minimum of 10 inches from the small end. Slippery tape or similar material is prohibited.

NOTE 1: Junior/Senior League: The $2\frac{3}{4}$ inch in diameter bat is not allowed in any division.

NOTE 2: The traditional batting donut is not permissible.

NOTE 3: The bat may carry the mark "Little League Tee Ball."

NOTE 4: Non-wood bats may develop dents from time to time. Bats that cannot pass through the approved Little League bat ring for the appropriate division must be removed from play. The $2\frac{1}{4}$ inch bat ring must be used for bats in the Tee Ball, Minor League and Little League Baseball divisions. The $2\frac{5}{8}$ inch bat ring must be used for bats in the Teenage divisions of baseball.

NOTE 5: An illegal bat must be removed. Any bat that has been altered shall be removed from play. Penalty – See Rule – 6.06 (d).



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EQUIPMENT

The Equipment Officer is an elected Board Member and is responsible for purchasing and distributing equipment to the individual teams. This equipment is checked and tested when it is issued but it is the Manager's responsibility to maintain it. Managers should inspect equipment before each game and each practice.

The Equipment Officer will promptly replace damaged and ill fitting equipment. Furthermore, kids like to bring their own gear. This equipment can only be used if it meets the requirements as outlined in this Safety Manual and the Official Little League Rule Book.

At the end of the season, all equipment must be returned to the Equipment Officer. First-Aid kits and Safety Manuals must be turned in with the equipment.

Each team, at all times in the dugout, shall have seven (5) protective helmets, which must meet NOCSAE specifications and standards. These helmets will be provided by League at the beginning of the season. If players decide to use their own helmets, they must meet NOCSAE specifications and standards.

- Use of a helmet by the batter and all base runners is mandatory.
- Use of a helmet by a player/base coach is mandatory.
- Use of a helmet by an adult base coach is optional.
- Make sure helmets fit.
- All male players must wear athletic supporters.
- Male catchers must wear the metal, fiber or plastic type cup.
- All catchers must wear chest protectors with neck collar, throat guard, shin guards and catcher's helmet, all of which must meet Little League specifications and standards.
- All catchers must wear a mask, "dangling" type throat protector and catcher's helmet during practice, pitcher warm-up, and games. **NOTE:** Skullcaps are not permitted.
- If the gripping tape on a bat becomes unraveled, the bat must not be used until it is repaired.
- Bats with dents, or that are fractured in any way, must be discarded.

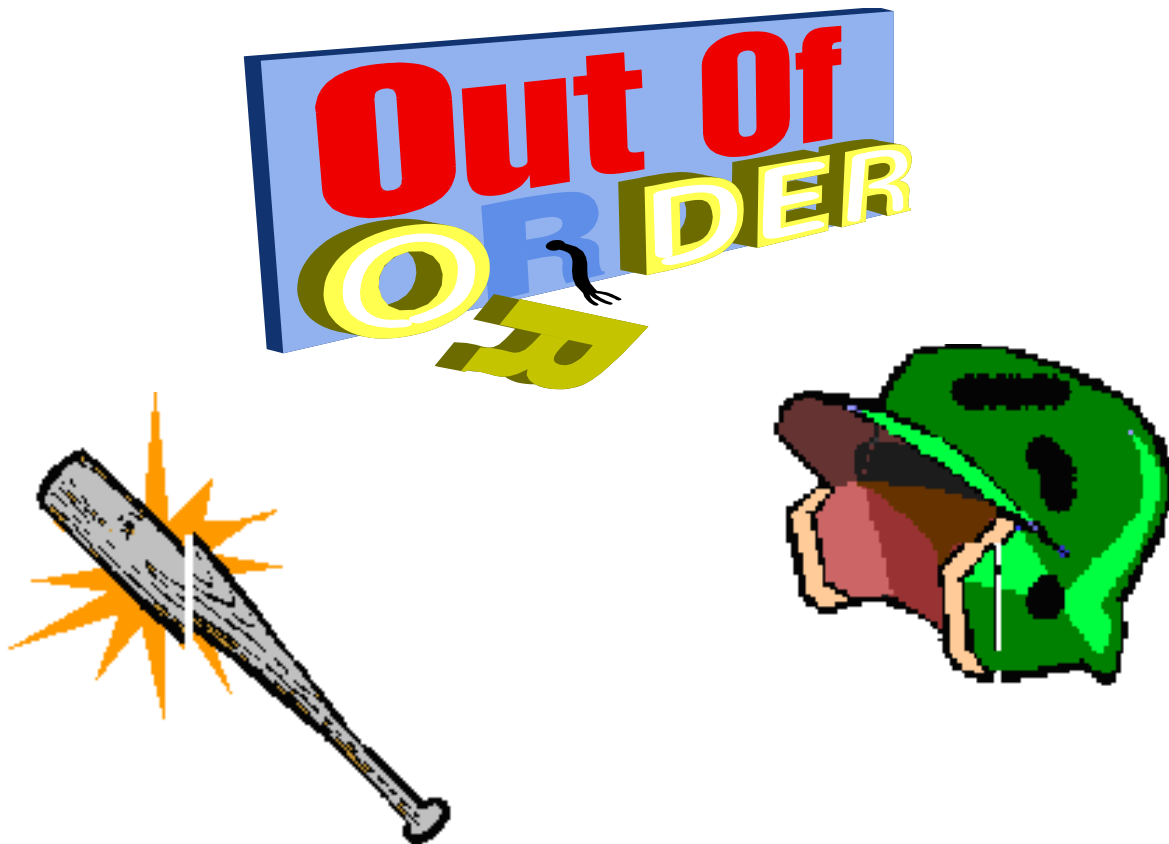




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- Only Official Little League balls will be used during practices and games.
- Make sure that the equipment issued to you is appropriate for the age and size of the kids on your team. If it is not, get replacements from the Equipment Officer.
- Make sure that players respect the equipment that is issued.
- Pitchers can not wear multi-colored gloves.
- Replace all questionable equipment immediately by notifying the Player Agent or Equipment Officer.





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SNACK SHACK SAFETY

- No person under the age of fifteen will be allowed in the Snack Shack without adult supervision.
- People working in the Snack Shack will be trained in safe food preparation. Training will cover safe use of the equipment.
- Cooking equipment will be inspected periodically and repaired or replaced if need be.
- Propane tanks will be turned off at the grill and at the tank after use.
- Food not purchased by the League to sell in its concession stands will not be cooked, prepared, or sold in the concession stands.
- Cooking grease if used will be stored safely in containers away from open flames.
- Cleaning chemicals must be stored in a locked container.
- A Certified Fire Extinguisher suitable for grease fires must be always placed in plain sight.
- All Snack Bar workers are to be instructed on the use of fire extinguishers.
- A fully stocked First Aid Kit will be placed in each Snack Bar.
- The Snack Shack main entrance door will not be locked or blocked while people are inside.



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Concession Stand Tips SAFETY FIRST

Requirement 9

12 Steps to Safe and Sanitary Food Service Events: The following information is intended to help you run a healthful concession stand. Following these simple guidelines will help minimize the risk of foodborne illness. This information was provided by District Administrator George Glick, and is excerpted from "Food Safety Hints" by the Fort Wayne-Allen County, Ind., Department of Health.

1. Menu.

Keep your menu simple, and keep potentially hazardous foods (meats, eggs, dairy products, protein salads, cut fruits and vegetables, etc.) to a minimum. Avoid using precooked foods or leftovers. Use only foods from approved sources, avoiding foods that have been prepared at home. Complete control over your food, from source to service, is the key to safe, sanitary food service.

2. Cooking.

Use a food thermometer to check on cooking and holding temperatures of potentially hazardous foods. All potentially hazardous foods should be kept at 41° F or below (if cold) or 140° F or above (if hot). Ground beef and ground pork products should be cooked to an internal temperature of 155° F, poultry parts should be cooked to 165° F. Most foodborne illnesses from temporary events can be traced back to lapses in temperature control.

3. Reheating.

Rapidly reheat potentially hazardous foods to 165° F. Do not attempt to heat foods in crock pots, steam tables, over stereo units or other holding devices.

Slow-cooking mechanisms may activate bacteria and never reach killing temperatures.

4. Cooling and Cold Storage.

Foods that require refrigeration must be cooled to 41° F as quickly as possible and held at that temperature until ready to serve. To cool foods down quickly, use an ice water bath (60% ice to 40% water), stirring the product frequently, or place the food in shallow pans no more than 4 inches in depth and refrigerate. Pans should not be stored one atop the other and lids should be off or ajar until the food is completely cooled. Check temperature periodically to see if the food is cooling properly. Allowing hazardous foods to remain unrefrigerated for too long has been the number ONE cause of foodborne illness.

5. Hand Washing.

Frequent and thorough hand washing remains the first line of defense in preventing foodborne disease. The use of disposable gloves can provide an additional barrier to contamination, but they are no substitute for hand washing!

6. Health and Hygiene.

Only healthy workers should prepare and serve food. Anyone who shows symptoms of disease (cramps, nausea, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice, etc.) or who has open sores or infected cuts on the hands should not be allowed in the food concession area. Workers should wear clean outer garments and should not smoke in the concession area. The use of hair restraints is recommended to prevent hair ending up in food products.

7. Food Handling.

Avoid hand contact with raw, ready-to-eat foods and food contact surfaces. Use an acceptable dispensing utensil

to serve food. Touching food with bare hands can transfer germs to food.

8. Dishwashing.

Use disposable utensils for food service. Keep your hands away from food contact surfaces, and never reuse disposable dishware. Wash in a four-step process:

1. Washing in hot soapy water;
2. Rinsing in clean water;
3. Chemical or heat sanitizing; and
4. Air drying.

9. Ice.

Ice used to cool cans/bottles should not be used in cup beverages and should be stored separately. Use a scoop to dispense ice; never use the hands. Ice can become contaminated with bacteria and viruses and cause foodborne illness.

10. Wiping Cloths.

Rinse and store your wiping cloths in a bucket of sanitizer (example: 1 gallon of water and 1/2 teaspoon of chlorine bleach). Change the solution every two hours. Well sanitized work surfaces prevent cross-contamination and discourage flies.

11. Insect Control and Waste.

Keep foods covered to protect them from insects. Store pesticides away from foods. Place garbage and paper wastes in a refuse container with a tight-fitting lid. Dispose of wastewater in an approved method (do not dump it outside). All water used should be potable water from an approved source.

12. Food Storage and Cleanliness.

Keep foods stored off the floor at least six inches. After your event is finished, clean the concession area and discard unusable food.

13. Set a Minimum Worker Age.

Leagues should set a minimum age for workers or to be in the stand; in many states this is 16 or 18, due to potential hazards with various equipment.

Safety plans must be postmarked no later than May 1st.



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Volunteers Must Wash Hands

HOW



WHEN

Wash your hands before you prepare food or as often as needed.

Wash after you:

- ▶ use the toilet
- ▶ touch uncooked meat, poultry, fish or eggs or other potentially hazardous foods
- ▶ interrupt working with food (such as answering the phone, opening a door or drawer)
- ▶ eat, smoke or chew gum
- ▶ touch soiled plates, utensils or equipment
- ▶ take out trash
- ▶ touch your nose, mouth, or any part of your body
- ▶ sneeze or cough

Do not touch ready-to-eat foods with your bare hands.

Use gloves, tongs, deli tissue or other serving utensils.
Remove all jewelry, nail polish or false nails unless you wear gloves.

Wear gloves

when you have a cut or sore on your hand
when you can't remove your jewelry

If you wear gloves:

- ▶ wash your hands before you put on new gloves

Change them:

- ▶ as often as you wash your hands
- ▶ when they are torn or soiled

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ACCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURE

What to report -

An incident that causes any player, manager, coach, umpires, or volunteer to receive medical treatment and/or first aid must be reported to the League's Safety Officer, Marie Hopper. This includes even passive treatments such as the evaluation and diagnosis of the extent of the injury.

When to report -

All such incidents described above must be reported to the League's Safety Officer within 24 hours of the incident.

The League's Safety Officer, Kendra Knowles, can be reached at the following:

Phone or Text: 510-504-2972

Email: knowlesclan@comcast.net

The League's Safety Officer's contact information will be posted at all times on the main message board outside the clubhouse.

How to make a report -

Reporting incidents can come in a variety of forms. Most typically, they are telephone conversations. At a minimum, the following information must be provided:

- The name and phone number of the individual involved.
- The date, time, and location of the incident.
- As detailed a description of the incident as possible.
- The preliminary estimation of the extent of any injuries.
- The name and phone number of the person reporting the incident.

Manager's or Team Safety Parent's Responsibility -

The Manager or TSP will fill out the **Incident/Injury Tracking** and submit it to the League's Safety Officer ***within 24 hours of the incident***. If the team does not have a safety officer then the Team Manager will be responsible for filling out the form and turning it in to the League's Safety Officer. (A copy follows and the actual form can be found in the Appendix F) Accidents occurring outside the team (i.e., spectator injuries, and third party injuries) shall be handled directly by the League's Safety Officer.



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League Safety Officer's Responsibilities -

Within 24 hours of receiving the *Accident Investigation Form*, the League's Safety Officer will contact the injured party or the party's parents and;

- Verify the information received;
- Obtain any other information deemed necessary;
- Check on the status of the injured party; and
- In the event that the injured party required other medical treatment (i.e., Emergency Room visit, doctor's visit, et.) will advise the parent or guardian of the Little League insurance coverage and the provision for submitting any claims.

If the extent the injuries are more than minor in nature, the League's Safety Officer shall:

- Periodically call the injured party to check on the status of any injuries, and
- Check if any other assistance is necessary in areas such as submission of insurance forms, etc., until such time as the incident is considered "closed" (i.e., no further claims are expected and/or the individual is participating in the League again).
- Review and complete where necessary the Incident/Injury Tracking form and route to the appropriate officials.



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Accident Investigation Form

League Name: _____ League ID: ____ - ____ - ____ Incident Date: _____
 Field Name/Location: _____ Incident Time: _____
 Injured Person's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Address: _____ Age: ____ Sex: Male Female
 City: _____ State _____ ZIP: _____ Home Phone: () _____
 Parent's Name (If Player): _____ Work Phone: () _____
 Parents' Address (If Different): _____ City _____

Incident occurred while participating in:

Baseball Softball Challenger TAD B) Challenger T-Ball (5-8) Minor (7-12) Major (9-12) Junior (13) Senior (13-15) Sr./Minor (13-15) Big League (16-18) C) Tryout Practice Game Tournament Special Event Travel to Travel from Other (Describe): _____

Position/Role of person(s) involved in incident:

Batter Baserunner Pitcher Catcher First Base Second Third Short Stop Left Field Center Field Right Field Dugout Umpire Coach/Manager Spectator
 Volunteer Other: _____

Type of injury: _____

Was first aid required? Yes No If yes, what: _____

Was professional medical treatment required? Yes No If yes, what: _____
 (If yes, the player must present a non-restrictive medical release prior to to being allowed in a game or practice.)

Type of incident and location:

A.) On Primary Playing Field

Base Path: Running or Sliding
 Hit by Ball: Pitched or Thrown or Batted
 Collision with: Player or Structure
 Grounds Defect
 Other: _____

B.) Adjacent to Playing Field

Seating Area
 Parking Area
 Concession Area
 Volunteer Worker
 Customer/Bystander

D.) Off Ball Field

Travel:
 Car or Bike or
 Walking
 League Activity
 Other: _____

Please give a short description of incident:



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How could this accident have been avoided?

Prepared By/Position: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

This form is for Little League purposes only, to report safety hazards, unsafe practices and/or to contribute positive ideas in order to improve league safety. When an accident occurs, obtain as much information as possible. Use the AIG Accident Notification Form (Appendix F)

For all claims or injuries which could become claims, please fill out and turn in the official Little League Baseball Accident Notification Form available from your league president and send to Little League Headquarters in Williamsport (Attention: Dan Kirby, Risk Management Department). Also, fax a copy both forms to District Safety Officer Liz Berg (rocketliz@gmail.com) (925) 701-8637 for District files. All personal injuries should be reported to Williamsport as soon as possible.



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INSURANCE POLICIES

Little League accident insurance covers only those activities approved or sanctioned by Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Little League (Majors), Minor League and Tee Ball participants shall not participate as a Little League (Majors), Minor League and Tee Ball team in games with other teams of other programs or in tournaments except those authorized by Little League Baseball, Incorporated.

Little League (Majors), Minor League and Tee Ball participants may participate in other programs during the Little League (Majors), Minor League and Tee Ball regular season and tournament provided such participation does not disrupt the Little League (Majors), Minor League and Tee Ball season or tournament team. Unless expressly authorized by the Board of Directors, games played for any purpose other than to establish a League champion or as part of the International Tournament are prohibited. (See IX - Special Games, pg. 15 in the Rule Book for further clarification)

**Little League Insurance Policy
is designed to supplement a parent's existing family policy.**

Explanation of Coverage:

The Little League Insurance Program is designed to afford protection to all participants at the most economical cost to the local league. The Little League Player Accident Policy is an excess coverage, accident only plan, to be used as a supplement to other insurance carried under a family policy or insurance provided by parent's employer. If there is no primary coverage, Little League insurance will provide benefits for eligible charges, up to Usual and Customary allowances for your area, after a \$50.00 deductible per claim, up to the maximum stated benefits.

This plan makes it possible to offer exceptional, affordable protection with assurance to parents that adequate coverage is in force for all chartered and insured Little League approved programs and events. If your child sustains a covered injury while taking part in a scheduled Little League Baseball or Softball game or practice, here is how the insurance works:

1. The Little League Baseball and Softball accident notification form must be completed by parents (if the claimant is under 19 years of age) and a league official and forwarded directly to Little League Headquarters within 20 days after the accident. A photocopy of the form should be made and kept by the parent/claimant. Initial medical/dental treatment must be rendered within 30 days of the Little League accident.



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2. Itemized bills, including description of service, date of service, procedure and diagnosis codes for medical services/supplies and/or other documentation related to a claim for benefits are to be provided within 90 days after the accident. In no event shall such proof be furnished later than 12 months from the date the initial medical expense was incurred.
3. When other insurance is present, parents or claimant must forward copies of the Explanation of Benefits or Notice/Letter of Denial for each charge directly to Little League Headquarters, even if the charges do not exceed the deductible of the primary insurance program.
4. Policy provides benefits for eligible medical expenses incurred within 52 weeks of the accident, subject to Excess Coverage and Exclusion provisions of the plan.
5. Limited deferred medical/dental benefits may be available for necessary treatment after the 52-week time limit when:
 - (a) Deferred medical benefits apply when necessary treatment requiring the removal of a pin /plate, applied to transfix a bone in the year of injury, or scar tissue removal, after the 52-week time limit is required. The Company will pay the Reasonable Expense incurred, subject to the Policy's maximum limit of \$100,000 for any one injury to any one Insured. However, in no event will any benefit be paid under this provision for any expenses incurred more than 24 months from the date the injury was sustained.
 - (b) If the Insured incurs Injury, to sound, natural teeth and Necessary Treatment requires treatment for that Injury be postponed to a date more than 52 weeks after the injury due to, but not limited to, the physiological changes of a growing child, the Company will pay the lesser of: 1. A maximum of \$1,500 or 2. Reasonable Expenses incurred for the deferred dental treatment. Reasonable Expenses incurred for deferred dental treatment are only covered if they are incurred on or before the Insured's 23rd birthday. Reasonable Expenses incurred for deferred root canal therapy are only covered if they are incurred within 104 weeks after the date the Injury occurs.

No payment will be made for deferred treatment unless the Physician submits written certification, within 52 weeks after the accident, that the treatment must be postponed for the above stated reasons.

Benefits are payable subject to the Excess Coverage and the Exclusions provisions of the Policy.

A copy of the claim forms can be found in Appendix F.



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Filing a Claim

When filing a claim, (forms available on-line at www.littleleague.org or from your league safety officer) all medical costs should be fully itemized. If no other insurance is in effect, a letter from the parent's/guardian's or claimant's employer explaining the lack of Group or Employer insurance must accompany a claim form.

On *dental claims*, it will be necessary to fill out a Major Medical Form, as well as a Dental Form; then submit them to the insurance company of the claimant, or parent(s)/guardian(s), if claimant is a minor. "Accident damage to whole, sound, normal teeth as a direct result of an accident" must be stated on the form and bills. Forward a copy of the insurance company's response to Little League Headquarters. Include the claimant's name, League ID, and year of the injury on the form.

This form must be completed by parents (if claimant is under 19 years of age) and a league official and forwarded to Little League Headquarters within 20 days after the accident. A photocopy of this form should be made and kept by the claimant/parent. Initial medical/dental treatment must be rendered within 30 days of the Little League accident.

Itemized bills including description of service, date of service, procedure and diagnosis codes for medical services/supplies and/or other documentation related to claim for benefits are to be provided within 90 days after the accident date. In no event shall such proof be furnished later than 12 months from the date the medical expense was incurred.

Claims must be filed with the League's Safety Officer. He/she forwards them to

Little League Baseball, Incorporated,
PO Box 3485,
Williamsport, PA, 17701.

Accident Claim Contact Numbers: Phone: 570-327-1674 Fax: 570-326-9280

The League's Safety Officer will send a copy of the claim to the District 4 Safety Officer Liz Berg, at

Michele Vierra
District 4 ADA Safety Officer
michelevierra@comcast.net

Contact the League's Safety Officer for more information.

Protective equipment cannot prevent all injuries a player might receive while participating in Baseball/Softball.

APPENDICES



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- A - Copy of Medical Release Form**
- B – Sports Parent Code of Conduct Flyer**
- C – Coaches Code of Conduct Flyer**
- D - Pitch Count Log**
- E - Little League Volunteer Application – 2024**
- F – Little League “Basic” Volunteer Application – 2024**



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Little League Baseball and Softball MEDICAL RELEASE



NOTE: To be carried by any Regular Season or Tournament Team Manager together with team roster or eligibility affidavit.

Player: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Gender (M/F): _____

Parent (s)/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Parent (s)/Guardian Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Player's Address: _____ City: _____ State/Country: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION:

In case of emergency, if family physician cannot be reached, I hereby authorize my child to be treated by Certified Emergency Personnel. (i.e. EMT, First Responder, E.R. Physician)

Family Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/Country: _____

Hospital Preference: _____

Parent Insurance Co: _____ Policy No.: _____ Group ID#: _____

League Insurance Co: _____ Policy No.: _____ League/Group ID#: _____

If parent(s)/guardian cannot be reached in case of emergency, contact:

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship to Player _____

Name _____ Phone _____ Relationship to Player _____

Please list any allergies/medical problems, including those requiring maintenance medication. (i.e. Diabetic, Asthma, Seizure Disorder)

Medical Diagnosis	Medication	Dosage	Frequency of Dosage

Date of last Tetanus Toxoid Booster: _____

The purpose of the above listed information is to ensure that medical personnel have details of any medical problem which may interfere with or alter treatment.

Mr./Mrs./Ms. _____
Authorized Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date: _____

FOR LEAGUE USE ONLY:

League Name: _____ League ID: _____

Division: _____ Team: _____ Date: _____

WARNING: PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT CANNOT PREVENT ALL INJURIES A PLAYER MIGHT RECEIVE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN BASEBALL/SOFTBALL.
Little League does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.



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Sports Parent Code of Conduct

We, the **Albany Little League**, have implemented the following **Sport Parent Code of Conduct** for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

Preamble

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature



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Sample Code of Conduct

Coaches Code of Conduct

CODE OF CONDUCT – Coaches are Role Models

“Our Little League is in the process of putting together a newsletter for the coaches stating Coaches Code of Conduct. I thought in the past in one of the ASAP newsletters I saw one but I cannot find it. Our local league is putting a newsletter together on this and it would help if Little League already had some information on this and additional ideas for a list to be handed out and signed by the Managers and Coaches as to their conduct during games and practices to help guide them.”

George Colby
Easton, Conn., Little League, District 2

Editor’s Note: Here is a Code of Conduct that is used in many safety plans. On the next page (pg 8) is a Volunteer Code of Conduct that serves as a reminder of the important role coaches and managers have in the development of youth people. It stresses that sports should be about fun, physical exercise and character development, and not winning.

Speed Limit 5 mph in roadways and parking lots while attending any _____ Little League function. Watch for small children around parked cars.

No Alcohol allowed in any parking lot, field, or common areas within the _____ Little League complex.

No SMOKING or Tobacco products of any kind (including spit tobacco) allowed in any common areas within the _____ Little League complex.

No Playing in parking lots at any time.

No Playing on and around lawn/maintenance equipment.

No Profanity allowed in any parking lot, field, or common areas within the _____ Little League complex.

No Swinging Bats or throwing baseballs at any time within the walkways and common areas of the Little League complex.

No throwing balls against dugouts or against backstop.

No throwing rocks and no climbing fences.

Only a player on the field and at bat, may swing a bat (Ages 5 - 12).

Observe all posted signs. Players and spectators should be alert at all times for Foul Balls and Errant Throws.

During game, players must remain in the dugout area in an orderly fashion at all times.

After each game, each team must clean up trash in dugout and around stands.

All gates to the field must remain closed at all times. After players have entered or left the playing field, gates should be closed and secured.

No children under age of 16 are to be permitted in the Snack Bars.

Failure to comply with the above may result in expulsion from the _____ Little League field or complex.



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Little League® Volunteer Application – 2024

Do not use forms from past years. Use extra paper to complete if additional space is required.



This volunteer application should only be used if a league is manually entering information into IDP or an outside background check provider that meets the standards of Little League Regulations 1(c)(9). THIS FORM SHOULD NOT BE COMPLETED IF A LEAGUE IS UTILIZING THE IDP QUICKAPP. Visit LittleLeague.org/LocalIBG-check for more information.

A COPY OF VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION.

All red fields are required.

Name _____ Date _____
First Middle Name or Initial Last

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Social Security # (mandatory) _____

Cell Phone _____ Business Phone _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth _____

Occupation _____

Employer _____

Address _____

Special professional training, skills, hobbies: _____

Community affiliations (Clubs, Service Organizations, etc.): _____

Previous volunteer experience (including baseball/softball and year): _____

1. Do you have children in the program?
if yes, list full name and what level? _____
Yes No

2. Special Certification (CPR, Medical, etc.)? if yes, list: _____
Yes No

3. Do you have a valid driver's license?
Driver's License#: _____ State _____
Yes No

4. Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, pled no contest, or guilty to any crime(s) involving or against a minor, or of a sexual nature?
if yes, describe each in full: _____
(if volunteer answered yes to Question 4, the local league must contact Little League International.)
Yes No

5. Have you ever been convicted of or pled no contest or guilty to any crime(s)?
if yes, describe each in full: _____
(Answering yes to Question 5, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.)
Yes No

6. Do you have any criminal charges pending against you regarding any crime(s)?
if yes, describe each in full: _____
(Answering yes to Question 6, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.)
Yes No



7. Have you ever been refused participation in any other youth programs and/or listed on any youth organization ineligible list?
Yes No
if yes, explain: _____

(If volunteer answered yes to Question 7, the local league must contact Little League International.)

In which of the following would you like to participate? (Check one or more.)

- League Official Umpire Manager Concession Stand
- Coach Field Maintenance Scorekeeper Other _____

Please list three references, at least one of which has knowledge of your participation as a volunteer in a youth program:

Name/Phone _____

IF YOU LIVE IN A STATE THAT REQUIRES A SEPARATE BACKGROUND CHECK BY LAW, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THAT STATE'S BACKGROUND CHECK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STATE LAWS; VISIT OUR WEBSITE: LittleLeague.org/BigStateLaws

AS A CONDITION OF VOLUNTEERING, I give permission for the Little League organization to conduct background check(s) on me now and as long as I continue to be active with the organization, which may include a review of fee offender registries (some of which contain name only searches which may result in a report being generated that may or may not be me), child abuse and criminal history records. I understand that, if appointed, my position is conditional upon the league receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the officers, employees and volunteers thereof, or any other person or organization that may provide such information. I also understand that, regardless of previous appointments, Little League is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position. If appointed, I understand that, prior to the expiration of my term, I am subject to suspension by the President and removal by the Board of Directors for violation of Little League policies or principles.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____
If Minor/Parent Signature _____ Date _____
Applicant Name (please print or type) _____

NOTE: This local Little League and Little League Baseball, Incorporated will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

LOCAL LEAGUE USE ONLY:

Background check completed by league officer _____ on _____

System(s) used for background check (minimum of one must be checked):

- JDP (includes review of the US, Center of SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database and Little League International Ineligible/Suspended List)* OR
- National Criminal Database check U.S. Center of SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database and Little League International Ineligible/Suspended List
- National Sex Offender Registry

*Please be advised that if you use JDP and there is a name match in the few states where only name match searches can be performed you should notify volunteers that they will receive a letter or email directly from JDP in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act containing information regarding all the criminal records associated with the name, which may not necessarily be the league volunteer.

Only attach to this application copies of background check reports that reveal convictions of this application.

- Proof of completion of Abuse Awareness training for Adults provided to league



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Little League® "Basic" Volunteer Application - 2024

Do not use forms from past years. Use extra paper to complete if additional space is required.

This volunteer application can be used as a reference for leagues utilizing the JDP Quick App or for leagues that are using an outside background check provider that meets the standards of Little League Regulation 1(c)(9). Visit LittleLeague.org/LocalBCheck for more information.

All RED fields are required.

Name: _____
 First _____ Middle Name or Initial _____ Last _____
 Address: _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____
 Work Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____
 Driver's License#: _____

- Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, plead no contest, or guilty to any crime(s) involving or against a minor, or of a sexual nature?
 If yes, describe each in full: _____ Yes No
 (If volunteer answered yes to Question 1, the local league must contact Little League International.)
- Have you ever been convicted of or plead no contest or guilty to any crime(s)?
 If yes, describe each in full: _____ Yes No
 (Answering yes to Question 2, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.)
- Do you have any criminal charges pending against you regarding any crime(s)?
 If yes, describe each in full: _____ Yes No
 (Answering yes to Question 3, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.)
- Have you ever been refused participation in any other youth programs and/or listed on any youth organization ineligible list?
 If yes, explain: _____ Yes No
 (If volunteer answered yes to Question 4, the local league must contact Little League Security International.)

5. In which of the following participate? (Check one or more.)
 Coach Field Maintenance
 Umpire League Official
 League Official

A COPY OF VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION (NOT NECESSARY IF VOLUNTEER IS RETURNING).
Please provide updated information below if there are any changes from previous years or requesting a new position.

Occupation: _____
 Employer: _____
 Address: _____

Special professional training, skills, hobbies: _____
 Special Certifications (CPR, Medical, etc.): _____
 Special Affiliations (Clubs, Services Organizations, etc.): _____
 Previous volunteer experience (including baseball/softball and years (s)): _____

IF YOU LIVE IN A STATE THAT REQUIRES A SEPARATE BACKGROUND CHECK BY LAW, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THAT STATE'S BACKGROUND CHECK. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STATE LAWS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: LittleLeague.org/LegalStateLaws

Manager _____
 Scorekeeper _____
 Concession Stand _____
 Other _____

AS A CONDITION OF VOLUNTEERING, I give permission for the Little League organization to conduct background check(s) on me now and as long as I continue to be active with the organization, which may include a review of sex offender registries (some of which contain name only searches which may result in a report being generated that may or may not be me), child abuse and criminal history records. I understand that, if appointed, my position is conditional upon the league receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the officers, employees and volunteers thereof, or any other person or organization that may provide such information. I also understand that, regardless of previous appointments, Little League is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position. If appointed, I understand that, prior to the expiration of my term, I am subject to suspension by the President and removal by the Board of Directors for violation of Little League policies or principles.

Applicant Name (please print or type) _____ Date _____
 if Minor, Parent Signature _____ Date _____

NOTE: The local Little League and Little League Baseball, Incorporated will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

LOCAL LEAGUE USE ONLY:

Background check completed by league officer _____ on _____

System(s) used for background check (minimum of one must be checked):
 Review the Little League Regulation 1(c)(9) for all background check requirements

JDP (Includes review of the U.S. Center of SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database and Little League International Ineligible/Suspended List*)
 OR
 National Criminal Database check U.S. Center of SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database and Little League International Ineligible/Suspended List
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