

Little League California District 68 P. O. Box 3025

Mission Viejo, California 92690

San Juan Capistrano Santa Margarita American Santa Margarita National South Mission Viejo Trabuco Canyon Viejo



California District 68 (405-68-00)**2021 Safety Plan** A SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

Welcome to the 2021 Little League season; we hope this will be a safe and memorable season of great baseball for all of us. The staff of District 68 and all its volunteers will continue to put safety first as well as provide a fun and safe environment. We will do this by continuing to educate our volunteers on new and exciting ways of keeping our fields safe to play on. We have regularly scheduled District meetings where we discuss upcoming events and issues encountered. We discuss how the leagues solve these issues and how they may be prevented in the future. Many of these issues concern facilities, equipment, safety and Covid-19. Clinics will be held to instruct our managers and coaches on the fundamentals of baseball and positive coaching techniques along with the Rules and Regulations of Little League to help ensure our young players are taught properly to play the game while keeping a positive and fun environment. Mandatory First Aid Clinics will be held around the district to ensure that our Managers and Coaches will know how to react properly to any given situation in the event of an emergency. A league's Safety Manual and a First Aid Kit will be provided to the managers at these clinics and will be required to be with them at every practice and game.

In summary, we are responsible for the safety of our children.



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Website: District68.com

League/District Number:

405-68-00

LEAGUES IN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT 68

Ladera Ranch American Little League	
Ladera Ranch National Little League	
North Mission Viejo Little League	
Rancho Mission Viejo Little League	Merged with Viejo Little League
Santa Margarita American Little League	
Santa Margarita National Little League	
San Clemente American Little League	
San Clemente National Little League	
San Juan Capistrano Little League	
South Mission Viejo Little League	
Trabuco Canyon Little League	
Viejo Little League	

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REQUIREMENT 1

DISTRICT SAFETY OFFICERS AND LEAGUE SAFETY OFFICERS

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REQUIREMENT 2

District 68 holds several meetings to train the League Safety Officers. The annual Presidents and Safety Officer Meeting was held on January 20, 2021 (see Attachment I). The District Administrator presented a PowerPoint presentation (available on the Little League Website https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/asap/forms/). An additional review of the 15 elements of safety was handed out to and discussed with each league Safety Officer and was used to structure each league's Safety Plan (Attachment II). Each element of the Safety Plan was discussed and critiqued.

1. Distribution of District Safety Plan

- a. A copy of the District Safety Plan will be published on the District 68 website: w w w . district68.com
- b. A paper copy of the District Safety plan will be put into each Tournament Director's Notebook kept at each District 68 tournament site (Tournament of Champions and All Star Tournament).
- c. A paper copy of the District Safety plan will be given to each of the league safety officers.



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REQUIREMENT 3

Emergency Numbers

- 1) Emergency of any kind
- 2) Mission Hospital
- 3) Poison Control
- 4) Animal Control

911 949.364.1400 800.222.1222 949.470.3045

Website: District68.com

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REQUIREMENT 4

The District had a meeting with all league Presidents, Player Agents and Safety Officers (Listed on Page 20). Presentations were given and the following items were covered:

- a. All volunteers for 2021 need to fill out the 2021 Little League Volunteer form. This year's form should be obtained from the Little League website at: http://www.littleleague.org/learn/forms.html
- b. JDP or California DOJ will be used by all leagues in District 68 to do a thorough background check for all league volunteers. Attendees were reminded that the first 125 JDP checks will be done for free.
- c. All District 68 tournament umpires need to fill out a volunteer form for each league for which they umpire 3 or more games. That league would also be responsible for doing a JDP/DOJ check independently of the other leagues.
- d. District 68 is transitioning to the Live Scan background check system through the California Department of Justice (DOJ).

All District 68 Staff Members and Tournament Directors will be required to fill out a 2021 Little League Volunteer form. A JDP background check will be done by the District Administrator or by his designee for each of these persons. The Little League Volunteer form is part of the JDP background check process. District volunteers will also go through the DOJ process.



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REQUIREMENT 5

PROVIDE FUNDAMENTAL TRAINING

District 68 sponsors three district-wide training sessions for coaches and managers. 1) The links to the Little League website leading to the Little League International website leading to the Little League University coaching materials. 2) The District has purchased the Big Al Coaching materials and made available separate links for coaches, managers and parents who are in District 68.3) A field clinic, free of charge to all persons in District 68 lead by Jerome Williams, a 11 year MLB pitcher. The attendee statistics and information for the Jerome Williams coaching clinic are listed below:

League Name	Total Teams Majors and Below	D-68 Clinic Attendance	% Teams Represented Majors & Below
LADERA RANCH LL	43	3	7
MISSION VIEJO NORTH LL	13	2	15
SAN CLEMENTE LL	66	8	12
SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO LL	25	1	4
SANTA MARGARITA LL	42	5	12
SOUTH MISSION VIEJO LL	19	9	47
TRABUCO CANYON LL	13	1	8
VIEJO LL	23	8	35
Total	244	37	18

2021 Coaches Clinic Attendance



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2021 District 68 Coaches Clinic With Jerome Williams



Pitched in MLB for 11 years, currently a pitching coach for the NY Mets

Sunday January 24th and January 31st Upper Gilleran Field in Mission Viejo

Free of charge to all District 68 Managers and Coaches-

Show up to the field 15 minutes prior to the start of the session and sign in.

Agendas:

Sunday, January 24Th

Morning Session 8a

8am-12pm - T-ball, A, AA 1pm – 5pm – AAA, Major, Junior

Afternoon Session Fielding and Hitting

Instructors scheduled to be present – Austin Leyritz, Tom Furukawa, Tyler Depreta, Jose Tolentino, Bret Levire, Adam Sorgi, Milan Tolentino, Jake Ortega, and Tony Nieto

- INTRODUCTIONS 15 min
- Stretching and conditioning 30 min
- Throwing mechanics 30 min
- Split into groups 3 stations 45 min each station
- Batting Cages
- Infield
- Outfield
- Rotate stations every 45 min
- Q & A at the end

Sunday, January 31st

Morning Session8am-12pm - T-ball, A, AAAfternoon Session1pm – 5pm – AAA, Major, JuniorPitching, Catching, Baserunning

Instructors scheduled to be present – Austin Leyritz, Tom Furukawa, Tyler Depreta, Jose Tolentino, Bret Levire, Adam Sorgi, Milan Tolentino, Jake Ortega, and Tony Nieto

- Introduction 15 min
- Stretching and conditioning 15 min
- Baserunning 1 hour will teach at each bag
- Pitching and Catching 1 hour each for pitching group and catching group
- Q & A at the end

Training & Development Programs



For Coaches



Coaches, you are the #1 reason why players continue to play this game. This T&D program includes everything you need for the season; the skills and strategy you need to teach, drills and practice plans and great approaches for game day.

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For Parents & Players 4-8 yrs 9-12 yrs



Parents, we know players accelerate their skill development and develop confidence when they practice and play at home. This T&D program includes instruction on skills, positions, strategy and provides you with lots of drills, games and challenges you can do together at home.



For Leagues



Leagues, we know T&D for coaches is absolutely critical to the success of your league. Order a League License and give every coach an online membership and they will have the support needed to coach this season. Players will have more fun, parents will thank you, teams will be more successful and more players will return next year. More...

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TDC memberships for coaches and parents of 4-8 and 9-12 year old players.

Select a Program



TDC memberships for coaches of 4-8 and 9-12 year old players.

Select a Program

TDC memberships for parents of 4-8 and 9-12 year old players.

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Al Price (Big AL) and his son Scott Price, bring a rich set of experiences and strong backgrounds to their new online training and development programs. They both played baseball at a high level so they understand the game. They are professional educators with years of teaching experience and understand how players learn. They have had the opportunity to present live training sessions to over 300,000 coaches and over 80,000 players and have coached teams at all levels. They have authored curriculum and developed resources used by thousands of leagues and over 1.4 million coaches, managers, players and their parents. The Big Al Baseball program continues to evolve with their passion to help coaches and players in this fartastic game.

I have always been concerned about how young players are being taught the fundamentals of baseball; however after watching Al Price and his son Scott conduct their clinics around the country. I am convinced that the people who attend their clinics are being taught properly, and that makes me feel better about the future of the game.

Sincerely Joe Morgan - MLB "Hall of Famer"



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2021 District Umpire Schedule/Meetings

Rules Clinics (Zoom)

- February 10th (Wednesday) at 6:00PM 10:00 PM <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87091095965?pwd=bGJTbk1jUFN0azVSa3pITG9pTWd1dz09</u> Meeting ID: 870 9109 5965 Passcode: 240940 One tap mobile +16699009128,,87091095965#,,,,*240940# US (San Jose) +13462487799,,87091095965#,,,,*240940# US (Houston)
- February 16th (Tuesday) at 6:00 PM 10:00 PM <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88212501241?pwd=RW5rR3FLRHRXVXQyN1ZwSytJUzhFUT09</u> Meeting ID: 882 1250 1241 Passcode: 845858 One tap mobile +16699009128,,88212501241#,,,,*845858# US (San Jose) +13462487799,,88212501241#,,,,*845858# US (Houston)
- February 22nd (Monday) at 6:00 PM 10:00 PM <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82737294559?pwd=Mk8vUE9RMmt2eXZNQjlyOUdqdksyZz09</u> Meeting ID: 827 3729 4559 Passcode: 429763 One tap mobile +16699009128,,82737294559#,,,,*429763# US (San Jose) +13462487799,,82737294559#,,,,*429763# US (Houston)

Field Umpire Mechanics Clinic

- February 28th (Sunday) at 12:00 Noon 3:00 PM Cox Park, Ladera Ranch
- March 7th (Sunday) at 12:00 Noon 3:00 PM Vista Hermosa, San Clemente
- March 13th(Saturday) at 2:00PM 5:00PM Upper Gilleran, Mission Viejo

Blue Crew Meetings

- February 28 Sunday at 6:00 PM Location: All Star Pizza Host: North Mission Viejo Little League and Ladera Ranch Little League
- March 21st Sunday at 6:00 PM Location: All Star Pizza Host: South Mission Viejo Little League
- April (TBD) Sunday at 6:00 PM Location: (TBD) Host: (TBD)



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REQUIREMENT 6 REQUIRE FIRST-AID TRAINING

All league Presidents and Safety Officers are instructed that all leagues must provide First Aid training for the Managers and Coaches (Attachment I, January 16). Each League is responsible for scheduling its own session and arranging for an appropriate instructor. The District verifies this training by reviewing the Safety Plan.

All District Tournament Directors will attend a training session prior to the beginning of the Tournament of Champions (meeting not scheduled to date but will be scheduled in May). In this meeting, there will be First Aid training and what to do in case of an injury or other possible emergency. The instructor for this year's training will be Ricky Herrera, Paramedic, Los Angeles City Fire Department. There will also be training on filling out and submitting the Accident Reports. All Tournament Umpires will be given the same First Aid training at the pre-tournament umpires meeting set for May.

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury usually caused by a bump, blow or jolt to the head, or by sudden deceleration of the head causing movement of the brain within the skull. This is a serious and potentially life-threatening injury that should be evaluated by a trained medical professional.

- I. Signs and symptoms for determining a concussion may include any or all of the following symptoms to a varying degree;
 - Difficulty thinking clearly
 - Feeling slowed down
 - Difficulty concentrating
 - Difficulty remembering new information
 - Headache
 - Nausea or vomiting
 - Balance problems
 - Dizziness
 - Fuzzy or blurred vision
 - Feeling tired
 - Sensitivity to noise or light
 - Irritability
 - Sadness
 - Emotional
 - Nervousness or anxiety
 - Abnormal sleep patterns

Any person exhibiting any of these symptoms after an impact incident will be determined as a potential concussion risk.



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- a. All District 68 Tournament Directors will be required to provide a certificate of completion for the Center for Disease Control (CDC) online training for concussion awareness to the District 68 Safety Officer before working any tournament games. <u>http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/</u>HeadsUp/onlinetraining.html
- II. A player who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time for the remainder of the day. A player who has been removed from play may not return to play until the player is evaluated by a licensed health care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and receives written clearance to return to play from that health care provider.
- III. **Note 1**: The team's manager and assistant coaches need to evaluate players who experience head impacts. This observation extends beyond the first couple of minutes after the impact incident.
- The manager needs to comply with the reporting procedures by notifying the Tournament Director and completing an Accident Report noting "possible concussion" on the form.
- **Note 2**: Umpires should also make independent observations of a player who experiences a head impact. If an umpire observes any of the concussion symptoms in a player after a head impact incident, the umpire should inform the manager that the player is to be removed from the game.
- The umpire's judgment is final. The umpire must then notify the Tournament Director who will initiate the Accident Report Form.
- IV. At the conclusion of the game, the Tournament Director will notify the District Administrator or the District Safety Officer that the identified player was removed from the game for concussion-like symptoms (the preferred method is by email so that a record of the notification is created). The District Representative will then send the notification to the league's President to ensure that the team's manager complies with the necessary safety guidelines.
- V. The Manager needs to ensure that the involved player is medically cleared to participate in the teams' next practice or game. The player's parents will be instructed to seek medical advice to allow the player to continue participation. A letter must be presented to the Tournament Director prior to the next game that the player has been medically cleared to participate. The player will not be allowed to participate until the letter is presented to the Tournament Director. Any manager who fails to comply with the established guidelines is subject to review by the league's Board of Directors for possible disciplinary action.



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REQUIREMENT 6 REQUIRE FIRST-AID TRAINING (cont)

District 68 also requires all Staff, Tournament Directors, All Star managers and coaches to complete training in, and submit certification of training in USA Baseball Abuse Recognition, and Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation - Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

USA Baseball: <u>https://www.sportdev.org/</u> Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation: <u>SCA Prevention Training Registration - Eric Paredes</u> <u>Save A Life Foundation (epsavealife.org)</u>

Full page information sheets for both of these valuable training programs are included as Attachment 7.

COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic progresses, District 68 and each of our leagues will have to be flexible, adapting to changes in the allowable activity and congregation requirements.

At the beginning of allowable play, procedures have been set that will allow games to continue. While these are restrictive by our past standards, they will permit resumption of play. These guidelines will be followed as long as needed.

District 68 asks all to be patient in these requirements. With cooperation from all, we can eventually enjoy a return to playing baseball as we once knew it.

The full text of the Resumption of Play Guidelines appears as Attachment 8.



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REQUIREMENT 7

REQUIRE COACHES/MANAGERS TO WALK THE FIELD

All fields used for District 68 Junior/Senior games, Tournament of Champions and All Star games are administered and maintained by individual leagues. At the tournament managers' meetings (Attachment I; TOC–May 27th and All Star–TBD), the managers are instructed on their responsibility to walk the field to be sure they are safe to play on. Both team managers are responsible for inspection for each game.

All Tournament Umpires will also attend a meeting to discuss tournament rules and tournament protocols (meeting not scheduled to date but will be scheduled in late May). In this meeting, the umpires are told that prior to every game they are responsible for walking the field to determine if the fields are safe to play on.

So, under the direction of the Tournament Director, each field will be inspected by seven sets of eyes prior to every tournament game (most of our tournament games are covered by four umpires).

A checklist and training will be provided to all Tournament Directors at the Tournament Director Meeting (meeting not scheduled to date but will be scheduled in May). An example is included in this Safety Plan (Attachment IV).



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REQUIREMENT 8

COMPLETE THE 2020 ANNUAL LITTLE LEAGUE FACILITY SURVEY

All fields used by District 68 for the Junior/Senior games, Tournament of Champions, and All Star games are maintained and administered by a league within the district. Each League completes the Annual Survey and publishes it in their Safety Plan. The District reviews each Safety Plan and retains copies for future reference.

REQUIREMENT 9

WRITTEN SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR CONCESSION STANDS

Concession stands in all fields used by District 68 for Junior/Senior games, Tournament of Champions and All Star games are maintained and administered by a league within the district. During the District use of these fields, the concession stand is staffed by league volunteers. Each of these leagues has Safety Procedures for their concession stand in their Safety Plan. In the review of each of the leagues' Safety Plans, the Safety Officers are reminded to be sure to include each league-specific issue; depending on the equipment that their concession stands have.

REQUIREMENT 10

REQUIRE REGULAR INSPECTION AND REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

During regular season, each league is required to inspect its own equipment as outlined in its Safety Plan. During the many District Umpire Clinics (Attachment VI), every umpire is instructed on how to inspect helmets, bats and catcher's equipment. Umpires were told that they are required to inspect the equipment prior to every game.

During the Junior/Senior games, Tournament of Champions and All Star games, equipment is initially inspected by the managers. During the Manager meetings, the managers are told what we will be looking for during the tournaments. Prior to each tournament game, the Tournament Director will go onto the field and inspect all of the equipment. Managers or coaches will put the equipment in front of their dugouts, the Tournament Director will inspect the equipment; and if it all passes; they will instruct the managers and coaches that they can now put the equipment back into the dugouts. All equipment not passing the inspection will be physically removed from the field of play and either thrown away or stored at the Tournament Director's table until the end of the game.

An example of the checklist is in Attachment V.



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REQUIREMENT 11

IMPLEMENT PROMPT ACCIDENT REPORTING AND TRACKING PROCEDURES

All league safety officers are trained in using accident reports at the Safety Officers meeting presentation (Attachment I, December 18). They are encouraged to require an accident report of all accidents, no matter how insignificant the manager thinks the incident is. Each league develops its own form. Typically, accident forms are required to be completed within 24 hours of the incident, and copies are required to be sent to the District within 48 hours of reporting to the League Safety Officer.

During the District 68 Junior/Senior games, Tournament of Champions and All Star Tournament; a Tournament Director's book will be at each site. Each book contains blank Safety/Injury Reports. Training for the Tournament Directors will be given during the Tournament Directors' training (meeting not scheduled to date but will be scheduled in late May). All Reports are to be filled out at the time of the incident and reported at the time the Tournament Director reports his scores. A copy of the report is kept in the Tournament Director's book, and the Tournament Director for the next game played by the injured player's team will be informed. If the player was either removed from the game because of an injury or taken to the hospital/doctor; a signed note from his doctor will be required before the player will be allowed to participate again in the tournament.

REQUIREMENT 12

REQUIRED FIRST AID KIT AT EACH GAME

Each league will provide each of its Managers a First Aid kit to be used during Regular Season play. All Managers participating in any of the District-sponsored tournaments will be expected to bring their First Aid kits. A site First Aid kit will be kept at the Concession Stand. We will instruct all Leagues that are hosting a tournament what should be the makeup of the site kits. This will be discussed at the Presidents and Tournament Requirement Meeting on May 27th (Attachment I).

Emergency Procedures General

In the event of any threatening condition that may occur during any team practice, event, or game, the manager of the team shall be the guardian of all players in their charge and shall have the necessary medical releases to act on the players' behalf. Such duty shall not be relinquished to anyone other than that player's own parent or legal guardian.



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Earthquake

The baseball field is most likely a very safe location during an earthquake. Those responsible for players shall maintain supervision of and provide for the players' safety at all times. During the shaking, have all players inside a structure "duck, cover, and hold on". If outside, be aware of light standards or trees that may topple. When the shaking stops, ensure that all players are accounted for and direct them to a safe area away from any structure or object that may be unstable or present a hazard. Provide for any first aid that may be required and call 911 for any situation that is beyond basic first aid. Maintain a calm demeanor for the players. They will be looking to the responsible adult for calm direction and assurance. Release the players only to their proper guardian. A manager shall make every effort to maintain possession of the players' behalf.

Lightning

Little League's official policy on lightning safety is located in Appendix A of the 2021 rulebook.

Following are some of the highlights for lightning safety:

In the case of threatening weather, one person should be designated as the "Lightning Monitor". This person shall <u>not</u> be a manager, coach or umpire. This person should probably be the "board member on duty" or tournament director. The Lightning Monitor should have access to some sort of electronic device, either a lightning detector or an application on some sort of internet connected device.

Should lightning be detected six to ten miles away, play shall be halted and not resumed until lightning has not been detected within a six to ten mile distance for a period of 30 minutes.

During this stoppage of play, all players and spectators should be sheltered inside a building or vehicle. They should not be in a dugout that is comprised a chain link fencing. Shelter should not be sought under a tree or near any other tall object. Nor should persons be out in the open where they are "the tallest point". Inside a building or vehicle is the safest place to wait out a delay caused by lightning.

Active Shooter or Civil Disturbance

As District 68's events occur on various fields and sites, it is impossible to make specific procedures to safeguard the safety of the players and others specific to any all events.

In the event of an active shooter or other disturbance, the manager has the responsibility to provide for the safety of the players under their direction. Attempt to maintain team unity if at all possible. Direct players in one direction away from the shooter/perpetrator/hazard. Use the **Run, Hide, Fight** methodology. First, run away. If running is not possible, hide, shielding yourself and others in your charge from view of the presented danger. Lastly is to fight the aggressor(s).

Call, or ensure that 911 is called to report the disturbance. Provide first aid to those that require assistance. Maintain supervision and control of the players until their transfer to a



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proper guardian. Remember that the players will be looking to the adult in charge to remain calm and provide clear direction and assurance. Again, make every effort to maintain possession of the medical releases for all players so that the manager may act in the players' behalf should the need arise.

REQUIREMENT 13

ENFORCE LITTLE LEAGUE RULES INCLUDING PROPER EQUIPMENT

District 68 conducts several Rules Clinics prior to the season beginning (Attachment VI). Each league will host the clinic and the UIC of the District and his assistant will instruct in the clinic. The Rules Clinics are attended by Umpires, Managers and Coaches, and parents. Most leagues in District 68 require as a minimum that every Manager in the League is required to attend. Some leagues require the Coaches to attend also. The curriculum is very similar to the one used at the Western Regional Weekend Rules Clinic but condensed down to a 4-hour presentation. Included in the curriculum are rules and proper equipment (catcher's equipment, gloves and bats). Managers are constantly reminded that they will not be allowed to catch during pre-game or game times.

REQUIREMENT 14

Requirement 14 is now the online filing of the A Safety Awareness Plan, (ASAP).



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ATTACHMENT 1 2020/2021 Season Meetings and Important Dates

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Date	Day	Time	Name of Meeting	
September 16 ¹	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Presidents and All Other Board Members	
October 21	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Presidents, Junior/Senior Coordinators and Player Agents	
November 18	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Presidents, Safety Officers and Chief Umpires	
December 16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Presidents, Angel Day Coordinators and Player Agents	
January 20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	President and Safety Officers	
January 27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Junior Meeting/Senior Meeting (Mandatory for all leagues)	
January TBD	TBD	6:30 PM	Coaches Field Clinic	
February 17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	President and TBD	
March 17	Wednesday	7:00 PM	President and Chief Umpires	
April 20	Wednesday	7:00 PM	President and Fall Ball Coordinators	
May 19	Wednesday	7:00 PM	President and Tourn. Requirements (TOC and All-star Requirements)	
May 26	Wednesday	7:00 PM	TOC Managers-Minors, Majors & Juniors	
May 29	Saturday	ТВА	Begin the TOC	
June 16	Wednesday	5:00–10:00 PM (by appointment)	All Star Affidavit Approvals	
June 23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	All Star Manager Meeting	
See Tourn Schedule	Saturday	ТВА	All Stars Begin	



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2021 Tournament Hosts and Dates

Level	Age Group	Host	Date
District	Minor	ТВА	May 29 – June 7
тос	Major	TBA	May 29 – June 7
	Junior American	TBA	May 29 – June 7
	Junior Central	TBA	May 29 – June 7
	Junior National	ТВА	TBD
OC TOC	Junior National	District 30 (Orange, Field TBD)	TBD
District	9	TBD	June 19 th – July 5 th
All-Star	9/10	TBD	June 26 th – July 11 th
	10/11	TBD	June 26 th – July 11 th
	Little League	TBD	June 26 th – July 11 th
	Intermediate	TBD	June 19 th – June 29th
	Junior	TBD	June 26 th – July 11 th
	Senior	TBD	June 19 th – June 30 th
Section10	9	District 68	July 17 th – July 22 nd
	9/10	District 68	July 17 th – July 22 nd
	10/11	District 55	July 17 th – July 22 nd
	Little League	District 62	July 17 th – July 22 nd
	Intermediate	District 46	July 1st – July 6 th
	Junior	District 46	July 16 th – July 21 st
	Senior	District 68	July 2 nd – July 7 th
Southern	9/10	District 42- Chula Vista/Parkview	July 24 th – August 3 rd
California	10/11	District 55- Aliso Viejo	July 24 th – August 3 rd
State	Little League	District 62- Fountain Valley	July 24 th – August 3 rd
	50/70 Intermediate	District 32- Point Loma	July 8 th – July 16 th
	Junior	District 17- Pasadena	July 23 rd – July 31 st
	Senior	District 72- Norco	July 9 th – July 17 th
Western	Little League	San Bernardino, CA	August 8 th – August 14 th
Region	50/70 Intermediate	Nogales, AZ	July 20 st – July 29 th
	Junior	San Jose, CA	August 3 rd – August 11 th
	Senior	Sacramento, CA.	July 20 st – July 28 th
World	Little League	Williamsport, Pennsylvania	August 19 th – August 29 th
Series	50/70 Intermediate	Livermore, California	August 1 st – August 8 th
	Junior	Taylor, Michigan	August 15 th – August 22 nd
	Senior	Easley, South Carolina	July 31 st – August 7 th



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ATTACHMENT 3

PRE-GAME FIELD SAFETY CHECKLIST

Date:	Time:	
Home Team:	League:	
Visitor Team:	Field Location:	
	Division:	

FIELD CONDITION:	REPAIR YES	S NEEDED NO	DUGOUTS:	REPA YES	IRS NEEDED NO
Wet or Muddy			Fences Need Repair		
Backstop Repairs			Bench Need Repair		
Bases			Bat Rack		
Pitcher's Mound			Helmet Rack		
Holes in the Field			Clean-up Needed		
Sprinklers Exposed			Shade Provided		
Fences Need Repair			Seating Area Protected		
Home Plate			SPECTATOR AREAS:		
Foul Lines Marked			Bleachers		
Batter's Box Holes			Handrails		
Catcher's Box Holes			Protective Fence		
Umpire Area Holes			Area Clean		
Field Ready to Play					
Comments:					



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ATTACHMENT 4

PRE-GAME EQUIPMENT SAFETY CHECKLIST

All equipment needing repair must be physically removed from the game.

Checked BATTING HELMETS

- Cracks in Bill
- Cracks on Earpiece
- Other Cracks
- Non-Factory Stickers
- Non-Factory paint
- All Pads Present

CATCHER'S HELMETS

- Cracks on Helmet
- Non-Factory Stickers
- Non-Factory paint
- All Pads Present
- Mask Securely fastened
- Throat Protector Present

Checked BATS

- Approved Composite Bat
- Diameter of Bat
- Length of Bat
- Both Caps Present
- Handle Grip Present
- □ Handle in Good Condition
- Any Cracks Present
- Any Dents Present
- □ Seniors/Big League:-3



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ATTACHMENT 5

DISTRICT 68 SAFETY/INJURY REPORT

Date:	Time:	Injured Player's League:						
Name of Injured	Name of Injured Player:							
Injured Player F								
Tournament:	TOC:	Minor	тос	Major TC	C	Junior TOC		
	All Star:			□ 11 AS □ Senior A		☐ Major AS		
Level:	District		□ Section	IS		tate		
Action Taken:	🗇 First Aid	at Field	Doctor	at Field	🗖 Pa	aramedics		
Type of Injury/i	ncident:							
Priof Decorintic	n of incident:							
Brief Descriptio	on or incluent.							
Tournament Directors Name:								
	Tournament Director Phone #:							

This Form Must be Completed for all Injuries, no matter the severity Complete the Form and keep it in the Tournament Director Notebook Report any injury when reporting your score



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ATTACHMENT 6

DISTRICT 68 TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

DISTRICT 68 TOURNAMENT



POLICIES AND PROCEDURES 2020



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TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

- **Introduce yourself** to managers, coaches, and umpires so they are all aware who the TD is for their game. Be sure to introduce yourself to the host Leagues officials.
- **TDs are responsible** for checking players' equipment prior to game (bats and helmets).
- Tournament Directors are to wear tournament shirts and hats.
- Consistency among all TDs.
- Tell the manager where he can warm up his team.
- Coin toss 45 minutes prior to game time. Home team will take the 3rd base dugout.
- Infield should start 30 minutes prior to game time (10 minutes each, first the visitor team followed by the home teams).
- **Try to stay on schedule**. If waiting for a game to finish, make sure the next teams are ready to go.
- TD must witness all line-up changes (especially the pitching changes).
- **TD must be aware of the pitch count.** Pitch count should be announced at between every inning.
- **Safety/injury reports and ejections** will be reported and a hard copy kept in your notebook.
- Text Dan Moore, 714-321-3128 with final scores.

SCORES WILL BE POSTED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE www.District68.com

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT SCORES BE REPORTED IN WHEN GAMES ARE COMPLETED



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TOURNAMENT UMPIRES

- **Dress**: black shirt (games starting at or after 6:00 PM games) or light blue (games starting before 6:00 PM games), red or black undershirt (depending on color of jersey), gray pants, black hat, black shoes. Bring both sets of shirts in case one of the umpires does not have a color; plate umpire will determine the game color.
- Call Umpire Assigner ahead of game time if you are unable to work an assigned game. Phone number is listed below. Do not try to get a replacement.
- Arrive on the field at least 30 minutes prior to game time and check in with TD. If plate umpire is not checked in 20 minutes prior to game, the TD may assign a new plate umpire from the assigned crew.
- If scheduled to work the plate at a game and the league that you represent is playing, rotate the crew. Get off the plate.
- **Pre-Game Meeting** at the plate will be 10 minutes prior to game time. Keep both teams in dugout during the plate meeting.
- Be tactful, not rude.
- **Stay in position**. Do not socialize with fans, managers, or other umpires between innings. Between innings, all base umpires will be standing in the outfield.
- Keep control on field and in dugouts.
- Keep managers and coaches in the dugouts. Stop the Manager and Coaches from talking to the spectators
- Stay alert and keep game moving.
- If you are called in as a replacement, find out who you are replacing so TD at the field knows where you should be.

Same-Day Cancellations: Call Scott Goodman at 949-292-8894



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MANAGERS AND COACHES

- Dress code for all Managers and Coaches on the field
 - No tank tops or sleeveless shirts
 - Must have closed toed shoes; no sandals
 - Nice shorts or slacks. jeans are acceptable
- **Team Affidavit** is the responsibility of the Manager. Failure to provide team's original affidavit at each game may result in **forfeiture** of the game.
- Pitching logs must be provided to the TD at the coin toss. No Pitching Log, no game!
- Arrive at the field early—at least 1 hour prior to game time.
- Check in with Tournament Director.
- **Coin Toss is 45 minutes prior to game time** (toss time is by TD's watch). If you are not there, the TD will do the coin toss with the Manager that is there. Then report to dugout.
- **Have line-up card ready**—2 copies for the plate umpire and 1 copy for the scorekeeper. Use standardized card supplied by District 68.
- Have team introduction list ready for announcer.
- Have team meet in warm-up area.
- Managers and Coaches will not be allowed to catch pitchers or any players before, during or after the game. No adults with gloves will be allowed.
- Home Team will use the 3rd base dugout and the Visiting Team will use the 1st base dugout. No exceptions
- Place all helmets, catcher's equipment and bats outside your dugout for inspection. The TD will tell you when you can put your equipment back into the dugout
- Managers are responsible to carry a list of the approved Composite bats. All bats removed by the TD will remain out of the game unless the Manager has the list of approved bats
- Be ready to show the TD your First Aid Kit. Be sure it is fully stocked.
- Infield should start 30 minutes prior to game time (10 minutes each, first the visitor team followed by the home team).
- **Stay on schedule**. If waiting for a game to finish, make sure your team is ready to go when the field is ready.
- **Keep control of players in the dugout**. No one—Managers, Coaches or Players— is allowed to talk with the spectators; risk of ejection.
- No cell phones are allowed in the dugout or field. Electronic scorebooks will be allowed in the dugout



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TOURNAMENT HOSTS RESPONSIBLITIES

- Fields in good condition. Sufficient parking. Snack bar and restrooms.
- Designated parking for umpires and staff.
- <u>Adult</u> volunteers—and plenty of them.
- Volunteers should arrive at the field early to allow for preparation.
- Safety Officer at all games.
- Emergency phone numbers posted in snack bar.
- Fully Supplied First Aid Kit in the Snack bar.
- Designate an area for TD, Scorekeepers, and Announcer with a working area.
- **Designate coordinators** for Snack Bar, Field Maintenance, and Scorekeeper/Pitch Counter/Announcers (and supply their phone numbers).
- **Rope off area around dugout, behind Home Plate and centerfield** to deter player distraction.
- Shading tarp over dugouts.
- Shaded area with table and chairs for umpires.
- **Designate a warm-up area** for incoming teams.
- Hosting is your first responsibility. Make sure all host responsibilities are taken care of before watching your team on the field.
- Be sure field is laid out according to Little League specifications [i.e., foul lines, batter's box (size and position), coaching boxes, running lane at first base].

Announcers—give names of players that are at the plate. Check the player's number. No play-by-play or ball/strike count. Announce score and inning at change of innings only. **Also announce the pitch count**.



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ATTACHMENT 7



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People™

HEADS UP to Youth Sports

To help ensure the health and safety of young athletes, CDC developed the HEADS-UP Concussion in Youth Sports initiative to offer information about concussions to coaches, parents, and athletes involved in youth sports. The HEADS-UP initiative provides important information on preventing, recognizing, and responding to a concussion.

Free Concussion Training Course



Get prepared for the new season.

HEADS UP Concussion in Youth Sports is a free, online course available to coaches, parents, and others helping to keep athletes safe from concussion.

https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html



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ATTACHMENT 7 (cont) Sudden Cardiac Arrest

- **AB379** Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Protocol (2020) This law extends the protocol introduced in AB1639 to community youth sports programs, with the addition that sports officials (referees, umpires, etc.) and administrators also take mandatory Sudden Cardiac Arrest prevention training. This law applies to an organization, business, non-profit entity, school or local governmental agency that sponsors or conducts amateur sports competitions, training, camps or clubs for those under 18.
- Training: Eric Paredes Save A Life Foundation

<u>SCA Prevention Training Registration - Eric Paredes Save A Life Foundation</u> (epsavealife.org)



- Take the Course
 - Pre-quiz
 - o Video
 - o Post Quiz
 - o Print the Certificate



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ATTACHMENT 7 (cont)

Abuse Awareness Training

- Little League is using USA Baseball's training and certification
 - o <u>https://www.sportdev.org/</u>
 - Create an account
 - Organization: Little League California District 68
 - Select: Education -> Course Catalogue
 - Select: View Courses
 - Select:

Abuse Awareness for Adults



Creating a Safe and Abuse Free Environment for Athletes

Hosted by former Major Leaguer and current Chicago Cubs Manager, David Ross, the Abuse Awareness for Adults course provides resources to create a positive and safe environment for all athletes, coaches, parents, umpires, and spectators by understanding how to recognize misconduct and abuse of all types. Topics covered include how to identify and report incidents and what abuse awareness policies should be in... <u>Details</u>

o Select Details

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- Will send you an email with information on how to get to the course
 - Course takes about 1 hour
 - Take a Quiz
 - Receive your Certificate



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ATTACHMENT 8

Little League Name: _

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This document will provide a sample guidance for Little League leagues in Southern California to resume play following local authorities' approval to resume youth sports. This document can be used in its entirety or may be modified to incorporate the local league's specific requirements. The local league's working document should be approved by its District Administrator and local authorities, if applicable. A finished and approved copy of this document should be incorporated in the local league's Safety Manual; the approved Safety Manual will not need to be resubmitted to Little League International but should be distributed to all appropriate local league personnel. The fields used by the local league are listed in the local league's Safety Manual (remove this paragraph from the final document).

The following plan has been established in an effort to resume Little League Baseball and Softball activities while protecting and supporting our player's health, practice social distancing, limit large gatherings, and minimize risks of COVID-19. This guidance has been approved by the local league's board of directors and will be submitted to the local authorities for final approval. No activities will begin until the State of California and County of ______

(*list local county*) have given their approval to begin youth sports activities. These activities will take place on the following fields: ________ (*List the fields that you will be using*). An approved copy of this document can be found in the local league's Safety Plan.

I. TEAM ROSTERS & ADULT PARTICIPATION FOR GAMES

PLAYERS

Competitive Teams

Team roster should not exceed 13 players per team on any given game or practice day

- 9-13 players maximum per team is permitted on one playing field at one time <u>Non-Competitive Teams</u>-Tball, Coach Pitch, "A" and Challenger Divisions
- 8-12 players maximum per team on any given game or practice day is permitted for Tball, Coach Pitch and "A" divisions
- 13 players maximum per team on any given game or practice day is permitted for the Challenger Division <u>All Players for Both Competitive and Non-Competitive Teams</u>
- Players will be assigned personal spots in their team dugout (or on designated bleacher area) such that they remain 6 feet apart
- Players shall put their equipment bag outside the dugout. Personal bat, helmet and other game use equipment should be kept under their designated seat until the equipment needs to be used
- Players shall stay in their assigned personal spot when in the dugout while waiting for their turn to bat or sitting on the bench when their team is on defense
- Players shall wear face coverings when in the dugout. When it is their time to bat or return to the field for defensive play, they are to put their face covering in their own bag and keep with their own equipment. If a player is using a full-face-covering-type mask (wraps completely around the head), the player may just pull the mask down while at bat or while playing defense.
- Players shall only use their own game equipment—no sharing of equipment (exception of shared equipment is the game ball). If a team bat is being used, the bench coach will wipe it down with a sanitizing wipe after each player's use.



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MANAGERS/COACHES

ALL Teams

Three league-approved adult volunteers are permitted to be involved with each team per each game

- 1 Team Manager per team
 - Acts as 3rd base coach during team's offensive play
 - \circ $\,$ $\,$ Manages batting order and defensive line-ups $\,$
 - Required to wear face covering when players are in dugout and/or when unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing
- 2 Dugout Coaches per team
 - Assists manager with communicating batting order and defensive line-ups
 - o 1 coach acts as 1st base coach during team's offensive play
 - 1 coach remains in dugout with players
 - o Retrieves and wipes down bats with sanitizing wipe after each player's at bat
 - o Enforces social distancing of players while in designated dugout
 - Enforces players wearing face covering while in designated dugout
 - Required to wear face covering when players are in dugout and/or when unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing
- A parent volunteer may be used to help the dugout coach to monitor the players seated in the bleachers
 - \circ $\;$ Assists manager with communicating batting order for players in the bleacher area
 - \circ $\;$ Enforces social distancing of players while in designated bleacher area
 - Enforces players wearing face covering while in designated bleacher area
 - Required to wear face covering when players are in the bleacher area and/or when unable to practice
 6 feet of social distancing

Non-Competitive Teams

Due to the age, developmental level, and physical abilities of the players within the non-competitive divisions (Tball, Coach Pitch, "A", Challenger), additional approved adult volunteers are permitted, but not required, during defensive play

- There will be a maximum of 4 approved volunteers (1 Team Manager, 2 Dugout Coaches, 1 Adult Volunteer)
- For Challenger Division, there may be special circumstances requiring additional one-on-one assistance to players
- Board of Director approval will be required to include additional volunteers during games and practices (as needed to play)
- All approved volunteers assisting with the non-competitive divisions must wear a face covering while they assist and interact with the players

OTHER ADULT ROLES

- <u>Umpire</u> (Required for all competitive games)
 - \circ ~ Set up 6 feet behind catcher and batter \underline{or} behind the pitching mound
 - For "Majors" and below it is recommended that umpires call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher's mound
 - \circ $\;$ Required to wear face covering at all times while on the field of play $\;$
 - Must discuss each umpire's responsibility in their pre-game meeting
- <u>Scorekeeper</u> (Required for all competitive games)
 - <u>One</u> designated scorekeeper for each game—no exceptions
 - Scorekeeper to sit in score booth—only one person in the score booth
 - The scorekeeper will also keep the pitch count



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- A family group member may be used as a pitch counter
- Required to wear face covering when unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing during interaction with others
- Pencils and other scorekeeper supplies will be supplied by the league only when requested. If league supplies are used, they should be sanitized after each person's use. Scorekeeper is encouraged to bring their own pencils, erasers, pens
- <u>Board Member on Duty</u> (Minimum of one board member per game time slot)
 - \circ $\;$ Board Member on Duty will manage the entire operation of the field(s) on game days
 - Board Member on Duty will be assisted by a Safety Coordinator when there are multiple games scheduled during the same time slot
 - Board Member on Duty will wear a face covering when they are unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing during interaction with others
 - Player & Spectator Management
 - Traffic control to limit congregation of groups
 - Remind spectators of social distancing guidelines—6 feet apart; encourage face coverings when unable to adhere to social distancing guidelines
 - During game, remind players, coaches and umpires about social distancing plan and protocol with equipment
- Safety Coordinator (Assistant to Board Member on Duty on game days)
 - The league Safety Coordinator will be one adult designated to assist the Board Member on Duty during game days when there are multiple games scheduled during the same time slot
 - The Safety Coordinator will remain on-site at all times when multiple games are being played
 - Safety Coordinator will educate and enforce social distancing among players and spectators
 - Safety Coordinator will communicate with all participants of the game and all spectators in a friendly, yet firm, manner that all social distancing protocol must be adhered to during their time at the field
 - Safety Coordinator will wear a face covering when they are unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing during interaction with others

II. EQUIPMENT PROTOCOL

PLAYER EQUIPMENT

- Players are not to use bat racks or helmet racks
- Bats, helmets, gloves are not to be shared between players
 - If a player is using a "team" bat, that bat will be kept in the bat rack and will be cleaned with a sanitizing wipe after each use.
- Catchers must have their own equipment
 - League can provide gear for each game that is used by only one player per day
 - Borrowed league's catcher's gear is to be wiped down with sanitizing wipe prior to reuse (24 hours must pass before reuse)
- Players to keep their own equipment in their own bag
- Bats are retrieved by player if out at first
- Bats are retrieved by dugout coach if player reaches base safely—dugout coach to wipe down bat with sanitizing wipe and set on side of dugout for player to retrieve upon reentering dugout and place in their own equipment bag

UMPIRE EQUIPMENT

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- Umpires are encouraged to use their own umpire gear
- League can provide umpire gear to include a protective face covering, chest protector, shin guards and umpire indicator—each set of gear is to be used by only one umpire per day
 - Gear must be wiped down with sanitizing wipe prior to reuse of gear (24 hours must pass before reuse)

III. PREGAME & POSTGAME—PLAYERS & SPECTATORS

PLAYER ARRIVAL TO GAME SITE & WARM-UPS

- Players to arrive to the game site no earlier than 30 minutes before the game time for warm-ups
- Players are not to congregate within a group prior to taking the field to warm up
 - Home team to warm up on left field
 - Visitor team to warm up on right field
- Each team to follow social distancing guidelines during warm-ups
 - Stretching—separate in a space to allow 6 feet apart
 - Running—run as a team spaced 6 feet apart
 - Throwing—ensure throwing distance is at least 6 feet apart
 - Defense warm-up—when taking grounders, players awaiting their turn should be spaced from the other players at least 6 feet apart
 - Pitcher/catcher warm-ups in bullpen only; coach is to maintain a distance of 6 feet from players during instruction; coach to wear face covering at all times while in the bullpen

STARTING THE GAME

- For the Pledge of Allegiance and/or Little League Pledge—players will line up along their dugout side baseline, spread out down the baseline, at least 6 feet apart, to recite both pledges
 - Managers and coaches will line up behind their players, closer to the dugout; managers/coaches to remain 6 feet from each other and minimum of 6 feet from their players
 - Umpire to stand at home plate during pledges at a minimum distance of 6 feet from a player or adult
- For the plate meeting, managers from both teams will meet the umpire at the plate—all parties are required to wear a face covering during the plate meeting

DURING THE GAME

- Players are encouraged to use hand sanitizer as frequently as possible during the game
 Players should have a personal bottle of sanitizer kept in their equipment bag
- No group gatherings at home plate following a home run
- No high fives or handshakes following a play or game
- Dugout coach to wipe down player's bats after use
- Players are to bring their own water/Gatorade for use during their game—no team water jugs or ice chests are permitted; players are not to share their drinks or snacks with anyone
- Sunflower seeds are not allowed at any time

CONCLUSION OF THE GAME

- There will be no "good game" high-five line
- Players will line up along their dugout side baseline, spread out down the baseline, at least 6 feet apart, and tip their caps to the opposing team
- Manager/Coach to say a few words to their team while their players are lined up on baseline to acknowledge good play and sportsmanship, thank the umpires and the volunteers



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- Congregation of teams/players is not allowed at the game site—there is to be no after-game team meeting at the game site
- Players and families will be asked to leave the game site within 20 minutes of the game concluding

SPECTATORS AT THE GAME SITE (Spectators are defined as parents, caregivers, siblings, family, fans)

- Spectators should try to limit their time at the field prior to game time when possible, based on child's age and needs
- Spectators are not to congregate in a group outside of their stay-at-home family group
- Spectators will not be allowed to stand behind the home plate area within 6 feet of the backstop. Caution tape will be used to mark off the restricted area.
- Bleachers will be closed to all spectators; bleachers will only be used as an extra area for players, managers, and coaches who are participating in a game. Caution tape will be used to close off this area to spectators and will be used to mark off a path from the bleachers to the dugout/field entrance
- All spectators will sit outside the field fence at least 6 feet away from the dugout/field entrance. Chairs, blankets, etc., may be set up by spectators
- There should be no more than 10 people sitting together in a "family group;" the "family group" is only to include their stay-at-home family
- There should be at least 10 feet between each "family group" along the fence line

IV. SNACK BARS—FOOD & BEVERAGE

FOOD & BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT LEAGUE SNACK BARS

- No food or concession sales should be allowed at facilities.
- Families are encouraged to bring their own snacks
- There will not be any outdoor seating areas available in an effort to limit any congregation (picnic benches or tables)
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the snack bar ordering window

V. FIELD MAINTENANCE ON GAME DAYS

Field maintenance equipment to include, but not be limited to, rakes, field drags, shovels, paint/chalk sprayers, and hoses. Field maintenance equipment will only be handled by a maximum of two league members per team who will be designated as the "field crew"

- Field crew to be the only person(s) to use the field maintenance equipment
- Field crew to wear gloves during all field maintenance—including set up and tear down
- Field maintenance equipment to be wiped down after each use
- Paint/chalk sprayer push handle to be wiped down with sanitizing wipes after use

VI. FIELD FACILITIES & SURROUNDINGS

FIELD FACILITIES

- All restrooms will be serviced and wiped down every hour and will be stocked with soap for hand washing
- Trash cans will be touchless; lids will remain open when field site is open to players/spectators
- Snack bars will be wiped down at the beginning and end of the day, as well at the beginning of each shift change

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FIELD SURROUNDINGS

- Informational signage will be posted throughout the field(s) regarding infection control, social distancing and the use of face coverings and gloves
- No visitors who are unrelated to a player or sales representatives or outside distributors will be allowed at the field
- Drinking fountains will be removed or covered

VII. TEAM PRACTICE PROTOCOL

TEAM PRACTICE AT FIELDS

- Team practice protocol shall align with all game day guidelines and protocol
 - No sharing of equipment
 - o Proper social distance spacing during warm-up, practice drills and batting
 - Hand sanitizer to be used by players before and after use of any equipment and transition of offense and defense drills
 - o Players to wear a face covering if they are unable to practice standard social distancing
- Enforcing social distancing, use of face coverings and sanitizing equipment shall be the sole responsibility
 of each team manager, team coach(es) and/or other approved adult league volunteer that is organizing a
 team practice
- Player's participation in team practice is at the sole discretion of the player's parent/caregiver; there will be no repercussion on game day for any player who does not attend a team practice

VIII. ONGOING MONITORING PROTOCOLS

PERSONAL PREVENTION ACTIONS

- All league members and visitors to the fields will be reminded of their responsibility to adhere to personal prevention actions including:
 - Stay home when sick or having symptoms of becoming sick (i.e., symptoms of respiratory illness, fever, or cough)
 - Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
 - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, dispose of the tissue and wash hands immediately after. If tissue is not available, cough or sneeze in elbow
 - \circ Do not touch eyes, mouth, or nose with unwashed hands
 - Avoid contact with people who are sick or who are exhibiting symptoms of being sick
 - Avoid sharing items
 - \circ $\;$ Always maintain the recommended minimum of 6 feet separation from others
 - \circ $\;$ Wear a face covering when unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing
 - o Sanitize frequently touched objects and surfaces

PROTECTING THE FIELD ENVIRONMENT

- All league members and visitors will be reminded of the importance of social distancing while at the fields as well as in all other environments
- A minimum of 6 feet of social distancing should be maintained at all times
- Face coverings should be worn to increase protection when unable to socially distance
- Continued efforts to sanitize facilities, equipment, and areas and items of common touch points will be



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ENSURING COOPERATION

- Board Members and league officials will maintain ongoing communication with all members of the league to include all players/managers/coaches/spectators at the field to limit any violation of the safety protocols
 - All players/managers/coaches/spectators will be reminded that any violation of the social distancing and safety protocols will jeopardize the continued operation and opening of Little League games
 - Any player/manager/coach/spectator who refuses to adhere to the protocols after one warning will be asked to leave the field site immediately



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IX. LEAGUE GUIDELINES APPROVAL

These guidelines were established to allow our children the opportunity to play sports. These guidelines reflect the recommendations and views of the community and health care providers. Youth sports and local businesses are required to follow COVID-19 safety and preventive guidelines to remain open and active.

The following persons may be contacted regarding this protocol:

Name	Position	Email	Signature/Date Approved
	League President		
	League Safety Officer		
	League Player Agent		
	District Administrator		

X. PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I understand and agree that these guidelines are necessary for my child(ren) to play Little League and that refusal to follow these guidelines may prevent Little League from remaining open for play and that I may be asked to leave the game site if I do not abide by these guidelines.

Player Name:	Division:	
Player Name:	Division:	
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Dated:	