

DANVILLE AREA LITTLE LEAGUE
SOFTBALL Covid-19 Mitigation Plan
2020 SEASON
5/30/2020

1. Eliminate game time and post-game handshakes. Replace with waving to the other team or tipping your visor if possible while maintaining social distancing. This tactic should be used when a hitter is hit by pitch as well.
2. Teams must not provide shared beverages such as water coolers. Kids must bring their own drinks and place them in their bags while not in use.
3. Players should not share equipment if possible. The league recommends players have their own equipment. Parents should contact a board member or coach for any league gear that can be loaned for the season based on availability.
4. Equipment must be spaced in the assigned equipment area. Each player's gear should be kept in one place and not mixed with other player's equipment. Players should be assigned a place for gear storage for every game.
5. NO food, gum, seeds, or other snacks will be permitted during team practices or games. Players may not unnecessarily spit during a team event. Players are encouraged to eat before reporting to their field for the start of the team event and use proper hand hygiene as recommended by the CDC prior to handling playing equipment or entering a dugout or field of play.
6. All players must have their hair pulled back from their face and shoulders. For example, braids, ponytail, bun, or headband. This rule is in place to limit face and mouth touching.
7. At the end of a half inning, coaches should maintain social distancing when rotating players into bat or taking the field where possible.
8. Spectators or families should follow social distancing of 6 feet where possible to observe a game or practice with other spectators or families. Families are asked to limit spectators to immediate family members when possible. Please bring lawn chairs to events instead of using bleachers.
9. Bleachers shall be used as an extension of the dugout for players. No more than 4 players should be permitted in the dugout while delays in the game or waiting to bat. All players on offense, not expected to bat in the next 4 turns, should be seated in the assigned team area while practicing social distancing where possible. These designated areas shall be included as "dugouts" in the league bylaws. Players are not to be dropped off during a game with no supervision.
10. Foul balls must be retrieved and returned to the field by only players and team coaches. This rule is promoting less contact on the ball (game or practice) that is used by the players.
11. Coaches and volunteers should always encourage social distancing including lectures and coaching opportunities. Players and coaches may wear optional face coverings if they wish at their own expense.
12. One team volunteer or coach must be assigned to be the team sanitation manager at each event. The sanitation manager should watch players for sanitation opportunities. This includes opportunities such as providing hand sanitizer to a player who sneezes during the event into their hand or a player touching their face. Alert coaches of witnessed teaching moments when it comes to personal hygiene. If not assigned the head coach assumes the responsibility of the team sanitation manager.

13. A game ball must be assigned to each team for defense. Teams should not “share” game balls for defense. Teams should label their softball with team initials, for example KK for Kut N Kurl) in small print that could be covered by a dime. (Large print could affect the visibility of the softball in later innings). During a foul ball a team can use their best practice ball to resume play while retrieving the game ball.
14. Each team must have hand sanitizer and disinfectant (wipe or spray) at every game or practice which will be made available by the league.
 - a. Hand Sanitizer are for the hands of players or team approved volunteers only.
 - b. Disinfectant wipes and spray are for shared equipment or high touch areas at the field such as fence gates at a minimum of once per day. Personal equipment not shared such as batting helmets should be disinfected at home after each use at the expense of the owner.
 - c. Coaches must disinfect shared equipment between different player use and after each game. This includes catching equipment most importantly the catcher’s mask. Limit catcher rotations.
15. Any Infield or outfield warm-ups should be limited to only the first inning and new position assignments as needed thereafter. Balls used for warmups must be kept aside from the team bucket of balls commonly used for games or practice. Players should throw with the same teammate when possible.
16. Any volunteer helping in a concession stand must practice good hand hygiene as recommended by CDC. Additionally, any volunteer assigned to the concession stand must always wear league provided disposable gloves and a face covering or mask. Wash hands and change gloves as need. Upon closing concessions, volunteers will disinfect portable toilet door handles.
17. The league will schedule games and practices no sooner then 30 minutes apart to avoid unnecessary gatherings. We ask that players and parents vacate the dugouts and field shortly after the team event if another team is due to arrive. This rule is to avoid 2 teams at the same dugout gate at one time.
18. Unnecessary games such as “wall ball” are not permitted at the complex during the season due to the frequency of touches of the ball by multiple people.
19. NO player, spectator, or volunteer may be at the complex if sick or feeling symptoms of covid-19 which include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If a player, spectator, or volunteer is sick they must stay home and seek medical attention as needed.
20. Any player, spectator, or volunteer who has symptoms of covid-19, been in contact with someone who has tested positive for covid-19 or has been quarantined for possible or confirmed covid-19 must notify the league president immediately.
21. These rules have been drafted to keep Players, Spectators, and volunteers as safe as possible. Failure to comply may result in league action up to and including permanent removal from league complexes. We ask that parents help promote a safe environment and bring additional disinfecting supplies and sanitizers as well. Parents must alert coaches of allergies or if you plan to self-administer disinfectants. These rules may be modified by the Board of Directors at any time.

ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?
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