



Return to Play Plan Summer/Fall, 2020

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Overview

This plan is designed to create a safe environment for players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and members of their households or immediate family while they are participating in youth baseball and softball activities (including, but not limited to practices and games) at the Greece Little League complex.

Preface

NY State has deemed it permissible for youth sports programs to begin play on July 6, 2020.

The plan is devised to meet the requirements of the NY State and includes best practices as determined by the CDC and Little League International.

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General Guidelines

These general guidelines apply to all individuals while at the GLL complex:

- If you, or any member of your household, are sick please stay home
- If you, or any member of your household, have tested positive for COVID-19 after participating in any GLL-related activities, please notify GLL ASAP.
 - Should this be the case, we will provide you with additional guidelines applicable to your situation.
- Practice social distancing at all times.
- Wear a mask or face covering when unable to social distance.
 - Children under the age of 2 do not need to wear a mask or face covering.
 - If a mask or face covering would inhibit or otherwise impair an individual's health, an individual is not required to wear or use such a covering.
 - Player guidelines for masks and face coverings can be found on page 5 of this document.
- Frequently wash your hands or apply hand sanitizer (minimum 60% alcohol).
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- No spitting of any kind. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as sunflower seeds and gum chewing.
- When possible, leave a space between cars when parking.

Coach/Volunteer Guidelines

Managers, coaches, board members and other volunteers must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Wear a mask or face covering at all times.
- Social distance when possible.
- Minimize the number of coaches at practices and games.
- Refrain from handshakes, fist bumps, team celebrations, etc.
- Do not hold pre-game meetings with the umpire(s) and other managers/coaches.
- Be mindful of social distancing among players when they are not in the field of play.
- Work with the other team to confirm player pitch counts and scores after each inning while remaining socially distant.

Player Guidelines

Players must adhere to the following guidelines:

- When not in the field of play, a mask or face covering must be worn when social distancing is not possible.
- No spitting of any kind. This includes, but is not limited to, items such as sunflower seeds and gum chewing.
- Bring your own playing equipment (i.e., bat, glove, helmet).
- Space equipment bags 6 feet apart from each other and not in or near the dugout/bench area.
- Bring your own cooler/drinks/snacks - Do not share with others
- Keep drinks and snacks with parents/guardians/family.
- Follow the Equipment and Dugout/Bench Guidelines on page 9 of this guide.

Family/Spectator Guidelines

Family and all spectators must adhere to these guidelines:

- A mask or face covering must be worn at all times when social distancing is not possible.
- Social distance when possible.
- Per NY State, only two spectators are allowed per player.
- When possible, only immediate household/family members should be in attendance (parents, guardians, siblings).
- Bring your own chair/seating.
- Do not retrieve foul balls.
- Do not approach players or the dugout/bench area.
- Your players will come to you, if needed, for things like drinks and snacks.

Umpire Guidelines

Umpires must adhere to the following guidelines:

- A mask or face covering must be worn at all times.
- Social distance when possible.
- Balls and strikes will be called from the grass behind the pitcher - no umpire shall be behind the catcher.
- Do not handle baseballs. When needed, baseballs will be provided by the on-site coordinator (likely a GLL board member).

Game Guidelines

The following pre-game, in-game and post-game guidelines must be followed at all times:

- Do not arrive more than 30 minutes prior to the beginning of a game.
- Dugouts and bench areas must be completely free of garbage and debris by the current team before the next team can enter.
- High touch surface areas will be disinfected by a GLL board member upon the completion of each game and before the next team can enter.
- 15 minute on-field warm-ups will be allowed for each team prior to a game.
- Do not hold pre-game meetings with the umpire(s) and other managers/coaches.
- A new baseball/softball will be introduced every two innings.
- Designate practice balls to be used for warm-ups and use the same balls for that purpose throughout each game.
- Foul balls/any ball outside of the field of play will only be retrieved by players.
- Refrain from handshakes, fist bumps, team celebrations, etc.
- There will be no post-game handshake.
 - Suggestion: Line players up on baselines and tip hats in recognition of the opposing team.
- Leave the GLL premises within 15 minutes of the completion of your game.

Equipment Guidelines

The following equipment guidelines must be followed:

- Bring your own playing equipment (i.e., bat, glove, helmet).
- Space equipment bags 6 feet apart from each other and not in or near the dugout/bench area.
- Do not share equipment.
- Players' equipment should be cleaned/sterilized after each use.
- GLL will provide catchers' equipment to each team. This equipment will be sterilized after each use by a GLL board member.

Dugout/Bench Guidelines

The following dugout/bench guidelines must be followed:

- Only 1 manager or coach in the dugout/bench area at any given time.
- Only 2 players in the dugout/bench area at any given time.
- All other managers, coaches and players should be spaced out along the fenceline on their side of the field.
- No one should be behind the home plate backstop.
- Dugouts and bench areas must be completely free of garbage and debris by the current team before the next team can enter.
- Dugouts and bench areas must be disinfected by a GLL board member prior to another team entering.

Facility Guidelines

The following facility guidelines must be followed:

- Only one person at-a-time allowed in the restrooms.
- Wash hands before leaving restrooms.
- Restrooms will be disinfected every evening.
- Concessions, if open, will provide a very limited menu (i.e., beverages and pre-packaged items).
- Anyone approaching concessions must wear a mask or face covering.
- Social distancing must be observed in line.
- All concessions volunteers/employees will wear a mask or face covering.
- Golf carts will not be available to provide rides to/from the GLL parking lot.

Additional Resources

- [Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- [New York State](#)
- [Monroe County](#)
- [National Institute for Health \(NIH\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)
- [Little League International](#)
- [Aspen Project](#)