



Grafton Little League Infection Prevention Plan

Grafton Little League (GLL), in coordination with Little League International, wishes to promote the health of all players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and spectators. The following guidelines will be used to accomplish this goal:

1. Any player, coach or volunteer who is ill must stay home and not participate in any GLL event. Notify your coach or appropriate Board Member if you will be absent.
2. If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, or have come into direct contact with someone that has been diagnosed with COVID-19, you cannot attend any GLL events until cleared by your doctor. This includes players, coaches, umpires, and spectators. Report all such situations to your coach or a Board Member immediately.
3. All participants and spectators may wear masks if they choose. Those with compromised immune systems or conditions that make them susceptible to infectious disease should strongly consider taking all steps necessary to keep themselves safe, up to and including staying at home.
4. Social distancing will be required as defined by state/local regulations. Specific to GLL baseball/softball games, this includes:
 - a. Eliminating unnecessary touching during and after games/practices (high fives, fist bumps, handshakes, sharing personal items, eating/using seeds, team snacks and food sharing, etc.)
 - b. Only the up to bat, on deck, and in the hole batter will be in the dugout, and they must maintain spacing of 6 feet. All other players will be seated on bleachers behind the backstop at least six feet apart. One coach in the dugout and one coach/parent with lined-up players.
 - c. Spectators are expected to practice social distancing. Please refer to the GLL Responsible Spectator Plan for detail.
5. GLL will make hand and equipment sanitizer available for player/coach use, shared equipment, and for facilities sanitation. Coaches are encouraged to have each player sanitize before entering the dugout and at change of innings. Additionally, parents are encouraged to supply their player(s) with wipes or sanitizer in their equipment bags for personal use before, during or after games as necessary.
6. Players are encouraged to use their own personal equipment and avoid sharing. GLL partners with Dick's Sporting Goods and Burghardt's Sporting Goods for discounts on equipment if you are interested in purchasing your own – please see our website or a board member for details. GLL will be loaning helmets out to those that do not have their own.
7. Team catchers gear must be disinfected between players. Our Rookies division will be playing without a catcher this year.
8. All shared equipment must be wiped down after the games. This includes facilities items such as benches, bleachers, and shared equipment in the team bags.
9. Home plate umpires will be positioned 6 feet behind the pitcher's mound until further notice to avoid too many bodies in close proximity to one another.
10. Players, coaches, umpires, and spectators will not be allowed to chew gum, chew/spit seeds or other similar items while playing games or practicing. Coaches will need to remove any items found and send them home with parents.

Grafton Little League reserves the right to revise these rules before, during and after the season.

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