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RESUMPTION OF PLAY PLAN-REVISED 6/30/20

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Guidelines Prior to Practice or Competition and General Guidelines:

- Prior to each practice/game parents should conduct a temperature check of their child prior to bringing him/her to practice or a game;
- Prior to each practice or competition, players and coaches will be screened via the *COVID-19 Health Questionnaire/Symptoms Checklist*; coaches will conduct a self-assessment based on the checklist; coaches will screen each player individually prior to the player entering the field/dugout area;
- Players, Coaches, Other Participants, and Parents/Spectators shall not come to practice or competition if they or any member of their household is not feeling well or is showing symptoms of COVID-19;
- Players, Coaches, Other Participants, and Parents/Spectators shall not come to practice or competition if they or any member of their household has been exposed to a person with COVID-19 within the past 14 days;
- Players, Coaches, Other Participants, and Parents/Spectators shall not come to practice or competition if they are not comfortable with, are not prepared to or do not comply with the guidelines set forth by the NJ DOH, Little League International or the complex at which they are practicing/competing;
- Adults 65 years and older or people of any age with serious underlying medical conditions are strongly encouraged not to attend practice or competition at this time;
- All HLL team practices will be limited to 1 team per field at a given time;
- All team practice times will be staggered to allow for no congregation at any given time;
- Practices may be reduced in duration;
- Parents and spectators will remain in cars at practices if they remain at the practice location; if not in car they must be a minimum of twenty feet from the field/dugouts and **MUST** wear a facial covering;
- All players, coaches, umpires, and spectators should practice “good hygiene” by regularly washing their hands with soap and water or using hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Players and coaches should avoid all unnecessary contact during practice or competition. Post-game/practice handshakes should be replaced by “tipping caps” as a sign of good sportsmanship.

- **Social-distancing:** Players, coaches, umpires, and spectators should maintain 6-feet of distance whenever possible.
- **Face-coverings:**
 - **Coaches/Spectators:** Encouraged to wear face-coverings at all times when 6-feet of social distancing is not possible.
 - **Players:** Should not wear face-coverings when actively participating in vigorous activity during practice or competition. Players are encouraged to wear face-coverings when not engaging in vigorous activity or when in close-contact areas where distancing is not feasible (i.e. in dugouts). Players are permitted to wear a face-covering any time if the player or their parent/guardian/caretaker deem it necessary.
 - **Umpires:** Encouraged to wear face-covering whenever applicable and possible. “Plate” umpires calling pitches will be encouraged to wear masks over the lower half of their standard protective facemask.
 - **General/All:** Face-coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- **Drinks & Snacks:** All players, coaches, spectators and umpires should bring their own food or beverages that are clearly labeled with their name. There should not be any shared food or beverages.
 - Sunflower seeds, gum, chewing tobacco etc., are not allowed in dugouts or on the field. All players and coaches are to refrain from spitting at all times.
- **Player Equipment:** Players should use their own equipment whenever possible. If equipment must be shared, it should be cleaned and then disinfected with an EPA-approved disinfectant against COVID-19 and allowed sufficient time to dry before being used by a new player.
- **Baseballs/Softballs:** Each team should use their own balls while in the field during competition.
- **Umpire Placement:**
 - **46/60:** Umpires on the 46/60 diamond will call games from behind the **mound**. There will be 1 umpire on all 46/60 games.
 - **50/70:** Umpires on the 50/70 diamond will call games from behind the **plate**. There will be 2 umpires on all 50/70 games.
 - **60/90:** Umpires on the 60/90 diamond will call games from behind the **plate or behind the mound**. There will be 2 umpires on all 60/90 games, when applicable.
- Following the conclusion of practice and competitions, players will immediately exit field and premises;

I. Guidelines for Players

- All players bags will remain outside the dugouts adhering to 6-foot distancing guidelines.
- At practices, dugouts on both base lines will be utilized by the 1 team practicing allowing for proper social distancing. Bleachers will also be utilized if needed to maintain proper social distancing among.
- No touch rule: Players and coaches must refrain from celebratory physical contact with each other.
- Each player should have hand sanitizer present in their bag and encouraged to use it frequently during practice.
- Players are encouraged to wear face coverings when not in the field of play. Players may wear any personal protective equipment deemed necessary by their parent or guardian as long as it does not compromise safety of the player or other participants.

II. Guidelines for Coaches

- Coach shall maintain 6-foot distancing whenever possible;
- No team coaching huddles; Coach may address the team but all coaches and players must maintain proper social distance;
- Coaches may wear any personal protective equipment deemed necessary;
- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or living with anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Coaches will be responsible to sanitize team equipment used during practice.

- No touch rule: Players and coaches must refrain from celebratory physical contact with each other or opponents on and off the field of play. A “hat tip” shall replace the customary post-game handshake.
- Coaches will be provided ample hand sanitizer from the league and will encourage players and coaches to use frequently during practices and games;
- Coaches are responsible for the actions and safety of their own team, which includes parents/spectators. They should ensure all players are adhering to social distancing in and around the dugout, as well as other seating areas, while not actively participating in the field of play.

III. **Guidelines for Parents/Spectators**

- At practice, must remain in car or minimum of twenty feet from the perimeter of the field and wearing a facial covering if they must get out of their car;
- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or living with anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Must not enter player areas on the field, behind the backstop or in/ around team dugouts and staging areas.
- Parents/Spectators may wear any personal protective equipment deemed necessary as long as it does not compromise safety of the players or other participants.

IV. **Additional Guidelines and Precautions taken for Games/Competitions**

- The concession stand will remain closed for the 2020 little league season;
- Restroom facilities will remain available; however, in order to mitigate the spread of germs and potential disease/virus, the restrooms will be professionally cleaned regularly;
- Anti-bacterial hand soap will be in the restroom dispensers, and hand sanitizer will be in each restroom;
- Each player should bring his/her own personal hand sanitizer; each coach will have hand sanitizer available for player use; additional hand sanitizer will also be available for player/coach/spectator use;
- Social distancing signage will be visible throughout the ballpark;
- Indoor batting cages will not be used for batting practice prior to games; teams will report directly to scheduled fields for warmup;
- Additional bleachers/benches will be set up/designated for players to account for social distancing;
- Parents/Spectators are not permitted on or near playing fields, bull pens, dugouts, etc.
 - Boys Senior League Field-parents/spectators are permitted in bleachers on either baseline (maintaining social distance), along the outfield fence, and along baseline fences past first base and third base. Parents/spectators are not permitted behind the fencing around the dugout areas.
 - Boys Majors Field-parents/spectators are not permitted in caution-taped areas. They are permitted in any bleachers or along fencing not within caution-taped areas (social distancing applies).
 - Girls Field-parents/spectators not permitted within any caution-taped areas, but are permitted along baseline and outfield fencing outside of caution-taped areas. Parents/spectators are not permitted within 20 feet of any seating designated for players.
 - Boys Single A Field-no parking within roadway barriers and/or caution-taped areas; on first baseline, parents/spectators must remain outside of fencing and not behind home-plate area; on third baseline, parents/spectators must be beyond caution-taped area; parents/spectators are not permitted in or near any dugout area or designated seating for players and coaches.
- All games for the 2020 Hammonton Little League season will adhere to a 1 hour, 45 minute time limit, where no new inning may begin after the 1 hour, 45 minute mark. For Boys Senior League,

Girls Majors, and Boys Majors, the paid umpire will be the official time-keeper. For Boys Single A, coaches will identify the official start time and synchronize their watches/timepieces accordingly.