

STATE COLLEGE LITTLE LEAGUE

COVID-19 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES, PLAYERS, AND UMPIRES

COACHES, PLAYERS, AND UMPIRES

- Anyone with a fever, cough, worsening respiratory symptoms or any known exposure to a person with COVID-19 may not attend the event.
- Anyone with someone in their household with a fever, cough, worsening respiratory symptoms or any known exposure to a person with COVID-19 may not attend until cleared by a medical professional
- An umpire or coach who tests positive for COVID-19 must inform the league President and may not attend any event until cleared by a medical professional.
- If a player or a household member tests positive for COVID-19, a parent/guardian/caretaker of the player must inform the league President and the player may not attend an event until cleared by a medical professional.
- Bring hand sanitizer and a face covering for personal use.
- Practice social distancing of, at least, six feet from individuals not residing within your household, whenever possible.
 - While social distancing, it is recommended that you cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering, except for children under age two.
 - When not wearing a mask, cover your mouth and nose with the inside of your elbow when coughing or sneezing.
 - When social distancing cannot be achieved, you **MUST** cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face covering, except for children under age two.
- Avoid physical contact, except as the sport requires.
- No sharing of food or drinks.
- No spitting, sunflower seeds, or gum.
- During inclement weather, when play is halted, you must wait in your vehicle until play resumes.
- One person may be in the press box to operate the scoreboard. The press box should be sprayed or wiped with cleaner or disinfectant before and after each use.
- Any shared field preparation equipment should be sprayed or wiped with cleaner or disinfectant before and after each use.

COACHES

- Immediately isolate any player with a fever, cough, or worsening respiratory symptoms.
- Immediately notify the State College Little League President if told that a player has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- No plate meetings.
- Lineup exchanges should be done digitally.
- Assign players spots down the foul lines so that they are, at least, six feet apart, preferably behind a fence or behind a coach protecting the players from foul balls and overthrows.
 - Keep the same spots all season.
- Dugouts may only be used for batters who are on deck or in the hole, while maintaining social distancing.

- Tee Ball and Pee Wee teams will have no catchers. A coach shall catch.
- Minors and Majors teams may only have as many catchers as they have sets of catcher's gear, whether the catcher's gear is owned by the league or by individual players. Players may not share catcher's gear or other equipment.
- On-field warm-ups should be limited to no more than 15 minutes or allotted interval as determined by SCLL.
- Team meetings or post-game talks are not permitted after practices and games. Teams should leave the park quickly so that other teams may access the area.

PLAYERS

- Face coverings are permitted but not required, during play.
- Food and drinks should be labeled with the player's name.
- Players are to stay at their assigned spots while waiting their turn to bat or play in the field.
- When not in use, players must keep their equipment in, their designated spots.
- Players should use their own individual batter's helmet, glove, bat, and catcher's equipment. Equipment may not be shared.
- After the game, players should "tip their cap" to the opposing team in lieu of a handshake line.
- After a practice or game, players should leave the park quickly with their parent/guardian/caretaker and equipment so that other players may access the area.

UMPIRES

- Baseballs and softballs should be rotated through on a regular basis, at least every two innings, to limit individual contact.
 - Each team should supply their own balls for when they are on defense.
- Umpires should limit their contact with the ball, and catchers should retrieve foul balls and passed balls where possible.
- No plate meetings.
- Umpires should call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher's mound, while social distancing.

ENFORCEMENT

- Anyone not adhering to these safety requirements should be reported to the State College Little League President.
- Anyone not adhering to these safety requirements may be barred from attending Little League events.

The State College Little League Board of Directors reserves the right to modify these requirements.

These safety requirements have been compiled from resources and guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), The Aspen Institute, and Little League International, among others.