

## **Laurys Athletic Association Guidelines for COVID-19 Safety**

Laurys Athletic Association will follow CDC recommendations, State Guidelines, County Guidelines and League Guidelines while participating in youth sports. LAA reserves the right to change the below guidelines if needed to match those of the above entities.

### **Facilities**

Laurys Athletic Association Fields at 5314 Egypt Rd, Laurys Station, PA.

- Concession stand is closed for the 2020 Season.
- Port-a-potties are cleaned by a third-party agency and are not the responsibility of the LAA.
- Clubhouses and Equipment Sheds shall be closed to all apart from managers and coaches.

### **Cleaning Protocols**

Cleaning supplies shall be provided by the Laurys Athletic Association following the CDC guidelines for the type of mixture and solutions for such. These supplies shall be stored and tracked by the COVID 19 Point of Contact in an effort to make sure we have adequate supplies for the season. Laurys Athletic Association shall supply disinfecting sprays, rubber gloves and face protection for those cleaning at the beginning and end of each event.

- Dugouts and bleachers: Will be sprayed with sanitizer before and after each use. It is the responsibility of the team using the field. During games, it is the responsibility of the home to team to spray both dugouts.
- Shed: Tractor, line, and other association equipment that is used before or a after an event is to be cleaned by the user before and after each use. Gloves should be word whenever possible when using items.
- Fences/ High Touched surfaces: Will be sprayed down after each game.

### **Attendance Policy**

As per the CDC and State of Pennsylvania guidelines, No Person or Persons who is deemed to have an underlying medical condition shall participate as a player or volunteer, as defined by the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-higher-risk.html>)

In an effort to protect the league and players safety all players' guardians and volunteers shall sign a waiver stating that said player or volunteer falls outside these categories and should there be a change of their status they will notify the COVID 19 Point of Contact as soon as possible.

All players, coached, and volunteers are to inform head coach or LAA board if anyone their household answers yes to screening questions set by the CDC and State of Pennsylvania Guidelines. Coaches, volunteers and parents of players are required to complete the following checklist prior to participating in any event. A message must be sent to the head coach prior to each event. Answering – John Smith cleared 6/22/2020.

- Temperature below 100.4
- No diagnosis of COVID 19 in the past 14 days
- Not living with someone diagnosed with COVID 19 in the prior 14 days
- No unprotected contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID 19 in the prior 14 days
- None of the following symptoms in the past 72 hours
  - Feeling of fever, shaking, or chills

- Sore throat
- Difficulty breathing
- Unexplained muscle ache
- New onset of cough
- Loss of senses of smell or taste

LAA reserves the right to ask a spectator to leave the premises if they exhibit any symptoms. We request all spectators follow the above screening as well prior to coming to any event.

In the event that a player, coach, or volunteer gets sick, they must remove themselves from our facilities and are not able to return until proper documentation has been provided. If they present any symptoms of COVID-19, they shall remove themselves from our facilities and provide written medical clearance from their doctor and league officials must be informed prior to returning to play.

### **General Guidelines**

- Face coverings are required to be worn from vehicles to the field by all players, coaches, and volunteers.
- Team gear shall not be shared under any circumstances.
  - Each player must have their own to equipment, to include but not limited to:
    - Glove
    - Face Masks
    - Bat
    - Helmet
    - Catching Equipment
    - Water Bottle
    - Sports Bag
- Coaches will be required to ensure there is sanitizer available to players and coaches.
  - Sanitizer will be kept in the shed.
- All players, coaches, and volunteers must provide their own drink at all times. There is no sharing of water bottles.
- No food is permitted. To include but not limited to:
  - Sunflower seeds
  - Gum
  - Chew
  - Candy
  - Sports Bars
- No huddles, handshakes, or high-fives are permitted at any time.
- Trash cans will not be used at this time. All trash will be responsibility of the person bring said trash.
  - During games the home coach will provide a trash bag to both teams and will be responsible for throwing in dumpster at end of the game.

### **Practice Responsibilities/ Guidelines**

Practice responsibilities/ guidelines will be followed for any team using LAA fields.

- Players shall be dropped off at practice. ONLY players, team coaches and team volunteers shall be present at the practice.
  - Parents/ Guardians who dropped off the player(s) shall remain in their vehicles or leave the facility until after the practice has concluded.

- Parents/ Guardians are not permitted on the grass area at all.
- At drop off, prior to being permitted to practice, parent and or guardian must verify answers to the screening questions, this can be achieved with an email or via team app. to the coach prior to each practice.

### **Coaches**

- Social distancing (of 6+ feet) shall be maintained to the best of your ability.
- Stations of no more than 5 shall be allowed, separate stations are permitted if keeping social distancing.
- Baseballs should be divided up so that, after each drill, a volunteer is able to wipe down the used baseballs with a disinfectant wipe.
- Coaches shall dismiss players in smaller groups during events such as water breaks and end of practice.

### **Players**

- Personal equipment shall not be shared under any circumstances.
  - All equipment must be kept in sports bag at all times when not in use.
- Everyone must bring their own drink.
  - NO sharing of drinks or food is allowed outside of households
  - NO gum and seeds shall not be allowed in the dugouts or field of play
- Bags will be hung/stored outside of the dugout along the fence line at 6' intervals.
- Players are responsible for their own belongings. What they bring in, they take out.

### **Game Responsibilities**

LAA players, coaches, spectators, and volunteers will adhere to home field guidelines if different than LAA guidelines.

### **Coaches**

- Social distancing (of 6+ feet) shall be maintained to the best of your ability. Both on the field and not on the field.
  - LAA will utilize the bleachers as additional seating for players to help with social distancing.
  - LAA will have 1 volunteer in the dugout to ensure all players are practicing social distancing when not on the field.
- Face coverings will be required by coaches, and volunteers when not on the field playing.
- Will ensure players do not crowd when coming off the field, will ensure all entry ways into the dugout is used when possible.
- Coaches will ensure they have sanitation product with them at all away games.

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- Bags will be hung/stored outside of the dugout along the fence line at 6' intervals.
- Players are responsible for their own belongings. What they bring in, they take out.
- Players are requested to stay in the dugout area during game time.

- Face coverings will be required by players when social distancing is not able to be practiced in the dugout.

### **Spectators**

- All spectators will remain clear of the dugout at all times.
- Spectators will be required to wear face coverings.
- Spectators will be responsible for their own trash and belongings. What you bring in, you take out.
- Spectators will not be permitted on any bleachers; they will need to supply their own chairs or blanket to sit on.
- Spectators will be required to sit in designated areas, on the outside perimeter of the field during the game.
  - Exception would be if there was an injury and parent/guardian is needed.