

**Chollas Lake Little League
Return To Play
Social-Distancing Safety Plan**

Measures to Protect Board and Volunteers

- All board members must wear masks at all times if directed to do so by local government and health department authorities in order to set a safety standard for league.

Measures to Protect Players, Managers, Coaches, Parents

- Temperatures of all players, managers, coaches, parents and umpires will be taken with a forehead thermometer prior to each game/ practice. Anyone showing signs of a fever outside of the normal fever range of 97-99 degrees will be asked to return home and not return until cleared by a doctor.
- All players, managers, parents, and coaches must wear masks at all times if directed to do so by local government and health departments officials.
- To the best of their ability, all managers, coaches and players must remain six-feet apart during practices, pre-game warm-ups and during practices.
- Field prep and warm-up time may be reduced to 30 minutes prior to each practice to reduce the chances of exposure.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided by parents and their child will have it available in their bags at all times. Coaches and Managers will have sanitizer on them at all times as well. Players, managers and coaches will apply everytime they switch gear out of their own bags, otherwise directed by the local government and health department.
- If necessary when on the field twelve maximum players and a manager/coach at all times. Remaining players/coaches will have spaces 6 feet apart on the outside of the fence while at-bat. When the team takes the field the remaining players may remain in their designated area six feet apart. When at-bat, players will rotate in and out according to the line-up. If a second coach is needed on the field while at bat, a cleared parent/volunteer may monitor the players along the fence line. All equipment will be hung down the fence lines marked 6 feet apart. A player is to touch their personal equipment or bags only.
- Players may not share bats, helmets or any other personal equipment. If the league does not have enough gear for each catcher on the team to have access during a game, then the manager/coach must sanitize all gear with disinfectant wipes or spray in-between uses.

- Beverage containers must have the name of the player, manager or coach on them to ensure no sharing of drinks.
- Players, managers and coaches will refrain from making physical contact with each other in any way. No handshakes, high-fives or fist bumps before, during or after the practice.
- If mound visits are necessary, a manager, coach or position player may not cross onto the dirt portion of the mound to talk with the pitcher. The pitcher must remain on the mound alone keeping a six-foot distance from everyone.
- Baseballs will be wiped down with a disinfectant prior to each new inning or as otherwise directed by local government and health departments officials.

Measures to Protect Umpires

- In addition to any regular umpire gear, plate umpires must cover the outer portion of their mask with some type of covering and base umpires must wear facial masks at all times, if required by local government and health department officials.
- Umpires must enforce all social distancing rules. If necessary, the plate umpire will call the game from behind the mound.
- Umpires may not have physical contact with the players, managers or coaches.

Measures to Protect Parents/Fans

- Unless otherwise directed by local government/health official directives, parents may attend clinics; however, safety precautions will be taken to meet any standards set forth by officials.
- Parents must wear masks while in attendance at all times.
- Parents may watch social-distanced, allowed to be spread out in open spaces on our field, or in their cars. There will be no seating on the bleachers.

Measures to Increase Sanitization at Field

- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant sprays will be available for all visitors.

- Board members will be prudent in wiping down all surfaces that are potentially touched by individuals.

Measures to Increase Sanitization During Field Maintenance

- All field equipment must be sanitized after each use.
- Field key must be sanitized after each use. Same applies to the combination lock.

Roles of Board Members and Umpires

- To enforce all of the guidelines as outlined within this document.
- Stop all play and call law enforcement if parents or anyone refuse to remove themselves from the premises for refusal to follow guidelines as set forth in this document.
- To their best of their ability, accommodate all those asking for assistance to support the guidelines as set forth in this document.
- To stay home if they are not feeling well.

Roles of Managers and Coaches

- To support the players to the best of their abilities by enforcing all guidelines as set forth in this document.
- To continue to follow Little League rules by ensuring one coach remains in the practice area at all times to monitor social distancing, and to ensure at least one cleared volunteer is with the players in temporary dugouts monitoring all guidelines as set forth in this document.
- Ensuring all balls and game equipment are sanitized after each play as directed by local government and health officials. If balls need to be sanitized after each pitch/play, then the bench coach must ensure a supply of clean balls is ready at all times.
- To stay home if they are not feeling well.

Roles of Players

- To support and respect their fellow teammates, manager and coaches to the best of their ability by following all guidelines as set forth in this document.
- To arrive at the field ready to play under these revised conditions and to understand the importance of the social-distancing guidelines.

- To communicate with the manager, coach or umpire if they do not feel well or if they are experiencing difficulty breathing from wearing a mask so a field official can assist.
- To stay home if they are not feeling well.

Roles of Parents

- To follow and enforce all guidelines set forth by local government/health officials or as described within this document, including wearing a mask at all times while at the field.
- To encourage their children to take care of their personal well-being by following the safeguards within the social-distancing guidelines.
- To remind players that things may be different once games resume and to encourage being respectful of any changes since all guidelines are written for their personal safety.
- If your family is traveling 120 miles out of the area, then you need to quarantine for 14 days before returning to the field.