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January 26, 2021

Jimmy Belanger, President  
Mountain Ridge Little League  
Via email: [jimmyb@mrl.org](mailto:jimmyb@mrl.org)

Dear Mr. Belanger:

Thank you for submitting a Sports Preparedness and Safety Plan for Mountain Ridge Little League. The attached plan has been reviewed and approved by the Department of Business and Industry for league play at Mountain Ridge Park in Las Vegas, NV.

If you would like to amend your plan in the future, you will be required to submit a separate plan to the Department of Business and Industry for approval at [COVID19Plans@dir.nv.gov](mailto:COVID19Plans@dir.nv.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victoria Carreón".

Victoria Carreón  
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Mountain Ridge Little League  
COVID-19 Preparedness and  
Safety Plan

This COVID-19 safety plan is intended to be used in addition to our established safety plan through Little League International. The intent of this plan is to outline precautions to be utilized for the safety of our players, coaches, spectators, umpires and families during the COVID-19 pandemic. Our goal as a league is to allow our children to play baseball in a safe environment, while encouraging physical and social activity. In line with the Little League™ mission, Mountain Ridge Little League “believes in the power of baseball and softball to teach life lessons that build stronger individuals and communities.”

Mountain Ridge Little League follows recommendations of all CDC, state, county and city regulations, as well as those of Nevada District 4 and Little League International. This plan was formulated with the intent/ability to be modified with the ever-changing restrictions and guidelines. Changes in the plan will be submitted to all of the required agencies for approval, as well as to coaches, families, volunteers and players via email. It will be posted on our website, and available to the general public as well.

## Mountain Ridge Little League Contact Information:

### Executive Committee:

- President
  - Jimmy Belanger (jimmyb@mrll.org)
- Vice President
  - Alex Krzastek (alexk@mrll.org)
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- Safety Officer:
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### Primary Playing Location:

Mountain Ridge Park  
7151 Oso Blanca Dr  
Las Vegas, NV 89149

### Mailing Address:

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Suite 1115-109  
Las Vegas, NV 89149

### Phone Number (Voicemail service only):

702-970-7304

## General Hours of Operation:

Mountain Ridge Little League conducts baseball activities Monday through Friday from 5pm-10pm and on Saturdays from 8am - 8pm during scheduled activities. We are a 100% volunteer run organization and do not have an office location.

Spring tryouts are scheduled on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. League officials can be reached on these days from 8am – 4pm.

Spring practices are scheduled to begin on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021. League officials can be reached during the following hours:

Monday – Friday: 5pm-10pm

Saturdays: 8am-4pm

Spring games for are scheduled to be played from March 13<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. League officials can be reached during the following hours:

Monday – Friday: 5pm-10pm

Saturdays: 8am-4pm

All Star activities are scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. League officials can be reached during the following hours:

Monday – Friday: 5pm-10pm

Saturdays: 8am-12pm

Our Fall season is tentatively scheduled from August until November.

## Field Safety Enforcement:

Mountain Ridge Little League will have a board member or designated representative scheduled to monitor all games in or near the snack bar facility during league activities. The Board Member on duty will have personal phone numbers for all Executive Officers and will assist volunteer safety and COVID monitors throughout the day to ensure compliance with mandated directives, safety protocol, and sanitization.

Families will be asked to limit attendance to 1 adult household member per player. These restrictions may be lessened as capacity restrictions are eased. League Officials and COVID Safety Monitors will ask groups who congregate to disperse. If attendees fail to comply, league officials will suspend activities until it is safe to resume.

## Signage and Safety Instructions:

Mountain Ridge Little League will leverage signage provided by organizations such as the Center for Disease Control, Southern Nevada Health District, State of Nevada, and City of Las Vegas reminding

patrons, players, and volunteers to abide by the basic guidelines of frequent hand washing, social distancing, and proper mask wear.

Signs will be placed at field entrances, snack bar/field house doors, and bathroom locations so that all patrons of the park can easily view them.

## Brief Overview

- Any person feeling ill, or showing any symptoms of illness (i.e. cough, fever, runny nose, congestion, etc.) will not participate in practice or games.
- Temperature checks will be enforced prior to any player, coach or volunteer entering the fields. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4° F or greater will not be permitted to enter or participate.
- Anyone with a known COVID-19 exposure is expected to adhere to CDC guidelines for isolation/quarantine. If a participant tests positive, they are to immediately notify the MRL President, Jimmy Belanger. Upon notification, the Return to Play committee will activate contact tracing to notify any potentially exposed players or volunteers.
- Families are discouraged from carpooling.
- Face coverings are required while walking onto the fields, but may be removed when actively playing baseball or participating in exercises. Coaches are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Masks will be available in the Equipment room if needed.
- Hand sanitizer will be available to all coaches. There are also sinks for washing hands with soap and water in the restroom.
- Anyone not of the same household that is participating in or attending practices must adhere to safe social distance guidelines (minimum of 6 feet) whenever possible. Parents are encouraged to not attend practices.
- No spitting/eating of sunflower seeds or chewing gum is permitted.
- No shared water coolers or drinks are permitted. Each Player and Coach must have their own individual drink container (preferably labeled).
- Food and snacks are not permitted on the field. If food is needed before or after practice, sharing of food is not permitted. It is recommended that food or snacks be pre-packaged.
- No touch rule will ensure no physical contact other than incidental game play contact is permitted. No handshakes, hi-fives, fist/elbow/chest bumps, group celebrations, etc.

## Field Map and Capacities:



Original image located on the City of Las Vegas website at:

<https://www.lasvegasnevada.gov/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Sports>

The State of Nevada has limited the capacity of each field at Mountain Ridge park to 50 people. Mountain Ridge Little League will not exceed this capacity for any event until capacity restrictions are eased. The following activities summarize the anticipated number of people per field.

Baseball practice:

- One team of 12 players and 3 coaches per field. Additional parental volunteers may be used to assist with supervision and safety. We anticipate practices to be run with 20 or less participants on the field and limited visitors outside the playing field.

Baseball game:

- Two teams of 12 players and 3 coaches as well as 2 umpires per field. Additional parental volunteers may be used to assist with supervision and safety. We anticipate games to be run with 40 or less participants on the field. Visitor viewing areas immediately behind the backstop and bleachers will be restricted or limited to temporary standing room only.



The baseball fields at Mountain Ridge Park have a number of amenities that will be used to control access and assist in executing safety protocols. These include:

- Fenced off playing areas with dugouts and benches for players, coaches, and umpires. Dugout entrances are the single-entry point for each field and will be used as participant screening locations.
- The public restroom facility is housed in the main building centered between fields 1-4. It is owned and serviced by the City of Las Vegas and is also equipped with sinks for handwashing.
- The main building centered between fields 1-4 is also equipped with a concessions section. Concessions will be limited to pre-packaged snacks such as chips and candy as well as bottled water and canned soda. Mountain Ridge is licensed to operate the snack bar through the Southern Nevada Health District and leases the building from the City of Las Vegas.
- The bleachers in the spectator areas will be restricted from use to enforce social distancing requirements. Families will be asked to limit gathering to immediate household members and primarily view the games from behind the outfield fencing.
- Visitors who require ADA access my view games from immediately behind the backstop provided their attendance is in compliance with capacity restrictions, they complete a health screening, they maintain six feet of social distancing, and they wear a mask during the duration of their visit inside the safety area.
- Players and families participating in interleague activities from our sister leagues such as Lone Mountain Little League or Cheyenne Little League will abide by the Mountain Ridge Little League Safety plan. Mountain Ridge Little League will abide by all sister league safety guidelines when participating at their facilities.

## Traffic Flow During Arrival and Exiting

Practice and game scheduling will ensure a 30-minute break between sessions in order to limit the crossing of teams and provide the opportunity for the oncoming team(s) to sanitize the dugout areas. Participants will be asked to remain in their vehicles until the previous participants have cleared the field areas.

Participants will enter and exit the playing / screening areas (dugout entrances) in a timely manner. Participants may not enter the playing / screening (dugouts) area until their scheduled playing or practice time. Coaches may hold meetings during their scheduled field time during practices but will ensure their players enter and exit the fields in a timely manner upon completion, especially during high traffic times between games. Parents wishing to discuss issues with coaches or league officials will do so over in an appropriate setting after scheduled field times or over the phone.

## Cleaning, Disinfection, and Hygiene

Each team will have an assigned COVID-19 Safety Monitor. League Officials, Team Managers, and/or the COVID-19 Safety Monitor will sanitize common areas.

Dugout benches and entry/exit locations in the field areas will be disinfected prior to use by the oncoming team manager and/or assigned volunteers prior to allowing players to enter the dugout and the outgoing team manager and/or assigned volunteer will initiate the disinfecting process when departing the dugout.

Players will not share personal equipment such as batting helmets, bats or gloves. They will store their equipment in a personal bag distanced 6 feet from another player's bag. Players will also be issued their

own personal uniforms and game attire. Players who show up with a dirty uniform will not allowed access to the field.

2 new baseballs will be provided for each game.

The league will use a diluted solution of sodium hypochlorite (bleach) or similar product to disinfect common areas. The solution will remain on the common area for up to 5 minutes before being wiped off.

Trash bags are supplied by the City of Las Vegas and supplied to each team prior to the start of their activity. Trash will be removed from the dugout as part of departing procedures before disinfecting the common areas.

## COVID-19 Testing, Health Screening, Masks, and Social Distancing

All league volunteer staff, managers, coaches, safety monitors and umpires will be required to take a COVID-19 test prior to the start of league activities in accordance with Directive 034 or provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination. Test results will need to be placed in the team's screening binder and will be available upon request at all team activities. Follow-on testing for league volunteers and initial testing for players is highly encouraged but not required for participation.

The league will setup a health screening station outside of each dugout during scheduled activities. Screening stations will include a touchless thermometer, screening forms, hand sanitizer and disposable masks. Each team will have a volunteer assigned to conduct health screenings and record results. In accordance with Directive 034, all participants will have their temperature measured, complete the health screening survey, sanitize their hands, and be reminded to mask up when being prior to being granted access to the playing field. Managers will maintain their team's screening records. The home team is responsible for screening umpires prior to entry to the field.

COVID-19 Safety monitors will monitor hand sanitizer supplies and will restock their screening station after every team activity. The Board of Directors has already purchased sufficient amounts of safety supplies including hand sanitizer, disposable facemasks and disinfecting products and will make these available for use during league activities and restocking on a weekly basis.

If a player, coach, official, staff member, volunteer or spectator displays symptoms of COVI

D-19 (confirmed temperature of 100.4° F or if they say "yes" to any of the COVID-19 screening-survey questions) or if there is any suspicion that they are sick or symptomatic, they must be declined admittance and will not be allowed to participate or watch a sporting practice, game or competition. If they arrived with other people (parents/guardians, teammates, etc.), everyone in the group must also be denied admittance and leave immediately.

- Advise them to go home, stay away from other people, contact their primary care provider or local health authority for further instructions, including where and when to access a test.
- Assigned staff or volunteers should provide the individual with a face covering and help the individual minimize their contact with others before leaving the facility. Immediately disinfect all areas used by the individual.

League staff and volunteers will wear a mask at all times. Players will be encouraged to wear their face covering to the max extent possible but will be required to wear masks any time they are not on the field of play or unless they are actively eating or drinking or an exemption under Directive 024 can be applied. Cloth face coverings will be issued as part of the purchased uniform for every player. Disposable masks will be made available to participants who arrive without one. Managers, volunteer COVID-19 safety monitors and league staff will ensure compliance with face covering directives. Additionally, a member of the Board of Directors will be onsite to assist those volunteers enforce all aspects of the league safety plan.

Managers and coaches will encourage social distancing through increased spacing during practices and warm ups. During times when players are not actively participating in practice or competition, they will ensure social distancing by increasing space between players on the sideline, dugout, or bench.

Parents/guardians will be asked to return to their cars or sit in designated areas that are socially distanced for spectators (primarily behind the outfield fencing) after escorting their child to the dugout. Mountain Ridge will request parents to limit the number of accompanying adults to one per child. Spectators will be required to provide their own seating and remain socially distanced.

The areas immediately behind the backstops or in front of the bleachers may be used for temporary standing viewing only in order for a family member to get a closer view to photograph or video their player. Personal folding / camping style chairs will not be allowed past the screening stations / dugout entrances established by the league. Public viewing areas such as bleachers will be closed and not available for use during league activities.

Dugouts and benches will have markings every 6 feet to ensure players know where they can be safely placed in their dugout. Managers, safety volunteers, and league staff will ensure players are maintaining an appropriate distance. Players will place their equipment bags on their assigned distance markers inside the dugout and bullpen. Players will not share personal playing equipment such as helmets or bats.

Food, gum and/or sunflower seeds will not be allowed in the dugout. Players will need to provide their own water or sports beverages. Coaches will not provide a shared water cooler.

Players from opposing teams will not come into physical contact outside of limited contact during baseball activities. Teams will use their specific dugout entrance when entering and exiting the field. The home team will use the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout and the visitor will use the 1<sup>st</sup> base dugout. Participants will not high five or fist bump another participant.

Managers, volunteers and league staff will monitor all fields to ensure compliance with social distancing and sanitizing guidelines.

## Volunteer Training and Enforcement

The Board of Directors will supply the COVID-19 Mitigation plan to all members of our organization via email and will post the plan on our public facing website for download and review at any time. They will also train managers on proper face mask wear, use of thermometers, and application of disinfectant prior to league activities commencing on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

Mountain Ridge Little League will schedule a training day for Managers and COVID-19 Safety monitors prior to starting team activities. Teams will not be given access to the fields until they have at least 2 trained volunteers.

The Clorox Company's Bleach Safety Data Sheet will be reviewed by all volunteers during safety training and it will be posted at each screening station where a disinfectant solution is stored.

Each rostered team will have at least 2 trained volunteers (Manager and COVID-19 Safety monitor) and 14 members of the Board of Directors will be onsite enforcing local directives and our safety plan.

The primary means of enforcing this plan will be placed with our volunteer staff, team managers, and their recruited volunteer COVID safety monitor. All participants were required to sign our COVID-19 NOTICE during registration which confirms their willingness to adhere to the safety protocols contained in the plan. Participants who do not comply with the safety measures will be removed from further participation at Mountain Ridge Little League.

## Positive Test Protocols

- If a coach, manager, or player/athlete of the same team tests positive for COVID-19, the entire team (if they had been in close contact with the positive individual) MUST quarantine for 14 days. All team activities and practices must be canceled for 14 days during the quarantine period.
- If a household member of a coach, manager, or player/athlete of the same team tests positive for COVID-19, that coach, manager, volunteer or player/athlete must notify MRLLE President, Jimmy Belanger, and must cease all activities with the team for 14 days from the most recent exposure even if she/he tested negative.
- If a player/athlete, coach, or team staff member becomes sick with COVID-19 and exhibits symptoms, they should notify the sports program administrator or appropriate contact. They MUST cease all athletic activity and participation and MUST be suspended until 10 days of home isolation are completed and symptoms are resolved for at least 24 hours after that. Symptomatic cases cannot return to the team even if test results are negative.
  - CDC: "youth sports organizations should notify local health officials, youth sports program staff, umpires/officials, and families immediately of anyone with COVID-19 while maintaining that person's confidentiality in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)."
- Mountain Ridge Little League will require that anyone who previously tested positive for COVID-19 receive medical clearance before play or activity.