



MILFORD LITTLE LEAGUE

2020 SEASON GUIDELINES

UNIVERSAL ITEMS:

- All coaches, umpires and other volunteers who interact with the players on the field during practices and games shall wear face coverings when not able to easily maintain a 6 foot distance from other coaches, players and umpires. Gloves shall be worn if handling shared player equipment, players equipment or cleaning apparatus/materials.
- All players shall possess their own Bat
- All players shall possess their own Glove. Exception being shared team catchers gloves that shall be disinfected between players for farms/majors/intermediate/juniors.
- All players shall possess their own Helmet (NO TEAM HELMETS WILL BE PROVIDED)
- All shared catchers gear equipment shall be disinfected in between each individual players use.
- Players will not huddle at any time during practices or games.
- No Spitting, No sunflower seed eating and No Gum Chewing.
- No team snacks or meals.
- All players must supply their own water for practices and games, no “team” water coolers will be allowed.
- No hand shakes, high fives or physical body contact allowed.
- It is recommended that parents send players with some form of hand sanitizer to be utilized during practices and games. Hand Sanitizer will be provided in common areas.
- Players are not required to utilize a face covering during play, but can be utilized at parent/player preference. Players shall wear a face covering when not on the field of play or engaged in practice.
- All coaches, volunteers and umpires shall complete a daily health self-screening to check for symptoms. If any symptoms are present the individual shall refrain from being present for league activities and follow local health guidelines.
- All balls (game balls and practice balls) shall be disinfected before and after each practice or game.
- Each team shall have a new volunteer role assigned to a parent to monitor compliance with these guidelines during practices and games.

PRACTICES:

- Coaches should be able to easily organize drills to include social distancing. This can be achieved by splitting the players up into small groups (2-4) placed at locations spread out around the diamond. Avoid queing/stacking of players, but if this is necessary training aids such as cones spread 6' or more apart shall be utilized to remind players about "social distancing"
- Practice spectators shall wear a face covering and maintain social distancing unless doing so would be contrary to his or her health.
- Practices shall be schedule with at least a 15 minute buffer to prevent overlap of players and allow for time to clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces and equipment.

BATTING PRACTICE:

- Queing/stacking of players shall be avoided at all times. Provide time slots to players within the allotted batting cage time so there is no more than 2-3 players there at any one time.
- Batting Practice spectators shall wear a face covering and maintain social distancing unless doing so would be contrary to his or her health.

GAMES:

- Games will be scheduled with at least a 30 minute buffer to prevent overlap of participants and allow time to clean and disinfect commonly used surfaces and equipment (i.e. Benches, dugouts, catchers gloves and etc..)
- Dugouts are to be allowed for coaches and for batters who are "in the hole" or "on-deck" only. Players who are otherwise waiting will sit on the bleachers outside the field or in in a player supplied chair. It is important for coaches to ensure that the bleachers are marked for 6' distances or players chairs are placed at 6' distances when not on the field of play. Dugouts are to be thoroughly cleaned before and after each use.
- Umpires shall be positioned appropriately distanced behind the mound, 1 Umpire per game only.
- As listed above and reinforced here. Balls shall be disinfected before and after each game or practice. Shared equipment (i.e. catchers gear) shall be disinfected in before and after each players use as well as in between each game and practice.
- Bats handled by coaches after an at bat shall be disinfected prior to being put back in the bat caddy in between innings.
- No sharing of bats, non-catchers gloves, and helmets is allowed.
- No Post game hand shakes, both teams shall line up along their base line appropriately distances and tip the cap as a sign of respect for the other team's performance.

- No catchers will be utilized for T-Ball Division. A coach will be positioned against the backstop to retrieve any baseballs or move bats to safe area after an at bat.
- No catchers will be utilized for the Coach Pitch Division. A coach will be positioned against the backstop to retrieve any baseballs or move bats to a safe area after an at bat.
- Game Spectators are required to bring and wear face coverings that completely cover the nose and mouth unless doing so would be contrary to his or her safety due to health condition. Spectators shall maintain 6' social distancing at all times.

Facility Guidelines:

- Games, practices and batting practices will be scheduled with a 30 minute buffer between the end and start of each event for each field.
- All commonly used surfaces such as, but not limited to; dugout areas, benches, bleachers, door handles to concession areas, field houses and concession area counter tops will be disinfected/sanitized before and after events by coaches/volunteers.
- Bathrooms will be sanitized/disinfected before and after each game.
- Concession stand usage at Lou Gehrig and Brewster will be limited to sale of prepackaged food and drink only.
- Concession stand at Ralph Clarkson is operated by an independent contractor, the League is waiting to hear back on their intent for the season.