

2021 Rancho Santa Fe Little League COVID-19 Policies and Guidelines

Please read the following and sign the included waiver. All players must have a signed waiver on file with Rancho Santa Fe Little League in order to participate in any league activities for the 2021 season. If you are not comfortable having your child return to play and following the RSFLL COVID-19 policy, please don't register for the 2021 season.

The COVID pandemic has created a dynamic situation with changing local and regional policies. Throughout the season, our policies will potentially change to reflect this situation.

To maintain a stable cohort and to comply with CA policy, teams will have no more than 14 children and no more than four supervising adults in a supervised environment.

- **Players and coaches exhibiting ANY COVID-19 symptoms, who have been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting COVID-19-like symptoms, and players who are suspected of having COVID-19 are NOT PERMITTED to attend any RSFLL event.** Any player who has taken a COVID-19 test based on suspicion of exposure may not attend any RSFLL event until receiving confirmation of a negative result. Players who knowingly violate this policy may face suspension from RSFLL activities.

Saturday Clinics, Player Evaluations, and Practices:

- Parents will drop off and pick up their child and will be asked to not loiter near the dugouts or bleachers during practice. In order to maintain safety through distancing, we will enforce this policy. Parents may drop off and return to pick up or wait in their cars during practice.
- We will require that each player bring their own baseball gear (bat, glove, helmet), water and hand sanitizer. Please label your player's gear with their name to avoid accidental sharing.
- Athletes will not be allowed to share gear
- Athletes should arrive to the field fully dressed and ready to play.
- If athletes arrive at practice unprepared (no mask and no gear), they will be asked to not participate.
- During our Saturday Clinics in February, and during Player Evaluations, each player **will wear** a facial covering for the entire clinic/practice, including while the athlete is hitting, fielding, or sitting in the dugout or stands. Once we have formed teams of smaller stable groups, facial coverings will be optional while on the field of play.
- If your child has a fever or feels ill, they must stay at home.
- Prior to arriving at the field, it is the family's responsibility to screen their child for signs of illness. Coaches are also required to screen themselves. This should include:
 - Checking your child's temperature
 - Screening for symptoms including fever, chills, body aches, and loss of taste or smell
 - Verify no known exposures to anyone with COVID-19

- Each player will apply hand sanitizer before and after training. In addition to bringing your own, coaches will have hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes available at the field.
- At the conclusion of your child's training, we ask each athlete to leave the field and practice area immediately. Please be prompt for pick up. Most likely, there will be another group starting immediately. Time will be allowed between practices for separate teams to avoid mixing of groups.
- Coaches **will wear** a facial covering at all times during workouts.
- Social distancing will be applied as much as possible, i.e. group huddles will be avoided. Additionally, kids will utilize all of the space behind home base and the dugout to spread out from each other when not on the field. Each player will be assigned an area to place their gear separated by six feet from all other players.

Games:

- The above mentioned policy will apply to games as well with the exception that a maximum 2 parents/guardians will be allowed to attend games. If one parent has coaching/field responsibilities, one additional spectator will be allowed to attend.
- Parents/guardians will be required to socially distance and wear facial coverings around the field at all times.
- The area behind home base as well as the bleachers will be reserved for the athletes to allow them to socially distance beyond the dugout. Spectators are required to spread out along the 1st or 3rd base lines beyond the dugout or in the outfield where they will not interfere with play.
- Athletes will apply hand sanitizer at the beginning of each inning upon taking the field.
- Catchers for the Majors, AAA and AA divisions will be required to wear facial coverings during games. Tee ball does not have a catcher on the field. Single A will not have the catcher's use catching gear and the catcher will play behind the net, away from the batter. For AA, AAA, and Majors, catchers will wear a facial covering and each athlete playing catcher that game will either use their own gear or be assigned gear that they will use throughout the game. There will be no sharing of gear during games. All gear will be sanitized between each game.

If an athlete tests positive, we request that the family reach out to their coach and the league to notify them of the positive test. This athlete will not be allowed to return to play until they have completed a 14-day quarantine with a negative test. The same rules will be applied to coaches. If an athlete tests positive, all potentially exposed athletes and families will be notified. These exposed individuals will not be allowed to practice or play for 14 days.

References/Resources:

- [CA Department of Public Health Outdoor Recreational Youth Sports](#)
- [Official CA Government COVID-19 Website](#)

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR MINOR PARTICIPANTS

READ BEFORE SIGNING

IN CONSIDERATION OF my child/ward, _____, being allowed to participate in any way in the Rancho Santa Fe Little League related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

The risks of injury and illness (ex: communicable diseases such as MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19) to my child from the activities involved in these programs are significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious injury and illness do exist; and,

1. FOR MYSELF, SPOUSE, AND CHILD, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my child's participation; and,
2. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant concern in my child's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child from the participation and bring such attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
3. I myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Rancho Santa Fe Little League its directors, officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child's involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
4. I, for myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. I, the parent/guardian, assert that I have explained to my child/ward: the risks of the activity, his/her responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations, and that my child/ward understands this agreement.

I, FOR MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, AND CHILD/WARD, HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of Child/Ward: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____

UNDERSTANDING OF RISK

I understand the seriousness of the risks involved in participating in this program, my personal responsibilities for adhering to rules and regulation, and accept them as a participant.

Name of Child/Ward: _____

Signature of Child/Ward: _____

Date Signed: _____