

ST. HELENA LITTLE LEAGUE

RETURN TO PLAY AGREEMENT AND WAIVER

The COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic is changing the way that we think, act, gather, learn and live our daily lives. That also means how we play ball. While we are excited to get our kids back out on the field, we must return to play with safety as our number one priority. With the guidance from the CDC, Napa County Public Health, Little League International and City of St Helena, the following guidelines have been established in order to attempt to limit the spread of this disease. However, there can be no guarantee that these steps will be effective for any particular individual, and as such, you understand and accept the risk of participating in team sports under these circumstances, including that you may be exposed to the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 and may contract COVID-19 despite any precautions undertaken.

In order to participate in St Helena Little League baseball/softball program, we, guardian and player or coach (“Participant”), acknowledge, appreciate and agree to the following: *(please initial)*

- _____ 1. Participant will stay home if they, or anyone in their household, are sick, especially if suffering from flu-like symptoms (cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever, chills, muscle pain, sore throat, or new loss of taste or smell). This list is not inclusive and Participant will stay home if they or anyone in their household are not feeling as they normally do. Participant must stay home at least 10 days from the onset of illness and not have had a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medication, prescription or over-the-counter, within 72 hours before participating in any League activities.
- _____ 2. Participant will wash hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or clean hands with a hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol-based), including immediately before and after attending any League activities.
- _____ 3. Participant will bring a mask or cloth face covering to all League activities. It is required during non-play time (during team meetings, etc.) and should be worn as part of practice equipment and game uniform.
- _____ 4. Participant will bring their own equipment. Sharing non-league equipment of any kind is not allowed. Bring only necessary equipment to practice, and do not bring baseballs or other unnecessary equipment from home. Equipment must be sanitized/washed after each League activity.
- _____ 5. Participant will practice physical distancing at all times, except to the extent it is not possible during play time. Ensure at least 6 feet of distance between you and anyone not in your household.
- _____ 6. No shared drinks, food or snacks at practice or games. No spitting on the field or otherwise in proximity to others; sunflower seeds, chewing gum, or any other food items that may involve spitting are not allowed. Participants must bring their own individual water bottles, clearly labeled with their name, and not share, even with family members.
- _____ 7. Participant will notify the Little League Safety Officer immediately if Participant or anyone in Participant’s household has tested positive for COVID-19 or has been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.
- _____ 8. Participant understands that guidance and requirements involving COVID-19 is constantly evolving and that the League may make changes or revisions to these guidelines, and will abide by any future guidelines, policies and directions and provided by the League.

Participant also acknowledges and understands the following:

The risk of injury and/or illness from activities related to the program is significant, and while new rules, equipment and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of injury or illness, including the risk of illness from COVID-19, does exist;

Specifically, there is a risk of coming into contact with individuals who may have been exposed to one or more communicable diseases, including but not limited to COVID-19, and it is impossible to eliminate the risk that the player could be exposed to and/or become infected through contact with or close proximity with an individual with a communicable disease, including but not limited to COVID-19.

Participant acknowledge the contagious and still unknown nature of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that we may be exposed to or infected by SARS-CoV-2 by participating in the program and that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by SARS-CoV-2 and contracting COVID-19 may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including but not limited to St. Helena Little League and other participants;

Participant knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from the actions, omissions, or negligence of others, and assume full responsibility for our participation in the program;

By signing below, I understand that I am releasing any potential claims of any kind against St. Helena Little League, its officers, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and players, related in any way to COVID-19 and in return I will be permitted to participate in League activities.

Participant has read this agreement and release of liability and fully understands its terms. Further, I understand that I have given up substantial rights by agreeing to it on my own behalf or on behalf of the youth participant associated with this Guardian account and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. By signing as a Parent/Guardian, I am certifying that I have the authority to make medical and legal decisions for this player.

The safety and well-being of our players, volunteers and community are paramount during this time. We appreciate your adherence to the health and safety guidelines outlined above.

PLAYER/VOLUNTEER SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME

DATE