



# White Plains Little League

## 2021 Check List for Managers & Coaches

*The following is a summary of the Little League Int'l "Best Practices on Organizing, Playing and Watching Little League Baseball and Softball During the Coronavirus Pandemic"*

### **General Guidance**

- No WPLL practices should be conducted on any field in WP without confirmation from WPLL that WPLL holds a permit to use that field for WPLL activities and you have been explicitly assigned that field by WPLL.
- All coaches/managers, players, umpires and spectators, are urged to conduct a health self-assessment before leaving home. Anyone with an elevated temperature, cough, fever, chills or shortness of breath, or has been diagnosed with Covid-19 or been in contact with someone diagnosed with Covid-19 in the past 14 days, etc., should STAY HOME.
  - o Anyone who attends a WPLL practice/game will be assumed to have conducted and passed a self-assessment.
  - o Anyone who attends a WPLL practice/game and thereafter tests positive for Covid-19, must be isolated immediately, and the WPLL Board (Safety Officer) notified immediately.
- Participants are recommended to only travel to or from practices and games with members of their immediate household.
- Parents MUST sign and return to the Manager the updated WPLL Waiver BEFORE the player can participate in any WPLL activity/practice.
- Managers/Coaches/Spectators/Umpires must wear face coverings AT ALL TIMES.
- Players must wear face coverings off the field, in the dugout/extended dugout or rest of the facility.
  - o Players are NOT permitted to participate in a WPLL practice/game without a face covering. Managers can provide face coverings, otherwise the player must leave the facility until they have a face covering. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Managers/Coaches/Players/Spectators/Umpires must maintain 6-feet of physical distancing.
- Everyone is encouraged to Wash/Sanitize their hands often.
- Players should be encouraged to bring their own chair for social distancing and their equipment.
- Batting Cages will be opened and assigned to teams. Each batting cage session requires two adults/coaches. One adult/coach inside the cage and the other outside the cage. Only the adult/coach inside the cage can touch the balls. No player is to touch a ball. The adult/coach outside the cage is responsible for face coverings and social distancing.

### **On-Field Guidance**

- NO handshakes, high-fives, chest bumps, group celebrations or huddles OF ANY KIND.
- All coaches/managers, players and umpires must bring their own drinks/snacks. NO SHARING.
- No sharing of equipment (helmets, bats, gloves, etc.). Each player must bring their own equipment (exception: catchers)
  - o While most catchers will have their own equipment, if the WPLL catcher's equipment is used, it should be disinfected/sanitized/wiped in-between each use.
  - o If a player doesn't have their own helmet, the WPLL Manager can give them one of the four team helmets for the season and retrieve it after the last game.



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- Sunflower seeds, gum, etc., is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
- Umpires will be stationed behind the mound and limit their contact with the ball.
- Each defensive team will use its own baseball. At the end of each inning, the pitcher will bring the ball into the dugout with him/her.

## Game Operations Guidance

- **Teams should NOT show-up more than 30 minutes before the start of a game to avoid encountering persons from a prior activity.**
- Up to four (4) adults are permitted as manager/coaches during WPLL regular season games. One coach must be in the dugout at all times. Another coach must be in the extended dugout at all times.
- Players should avoid contact on the field whenever possible. Baserunners are required to give themselves up in order to avoid physical contact.
- Pre-game meetings should be eliminated. If needed, participants should maintain physical distancing of 6-feet.
- Players should keep all of their equipment in one place, and at least 6-feet from each other.
- Only three (3) players and one (1) coach are allowed in the dugouts at the same time. All other coaches/players should be in the extended dugout area, maintaining a physical distance of 6-feet.
- WPLL will have board members visiting practice and game sites during the season. The WPLL Board member is available for consultation and has the authority to suspend the game if coaches/managers, players, umpires or fans/spectators are not adhering to the D20/WPLL Safety Plan guidelines.
  - o Initially the person will be advised of the rules and asked to comply.
  - o After five minutes of non-compliance, the person will be advised to comply, or they must leave the facility, or the practice/game will be stopped.
  - o After five more minutes of non-compliance, either the WP Police will be called and, or the game will be stopped, and everyone will be asked to leave the facility.
- Umpires will be placed behind the pitcher's mound/circle. Umpires are required to wear face coverings at all times.
- Retrieved foul balls should be sanitized/wiped by the defensive team before returning to play.

## Facility, Fan and Administrative Guidance

- Coaches/Managers are encouraged to clean and disinfect equipment between games. This includes but is not limited to Catcher's equipment and anything else that is touched/used by more than one person.
- All spectators should obey physical distancing guidelines and stay 6-feet away from other persons not in their immediate household.
- Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs and spread out around the field in dead ball territory.
- WPLL will spread out the scheduling of games to avoid any overlap of participants from one game to another.
- In general, most public restrooms will be closed during the WPLL 2020 season.
- Public water fountains will likely be turned off.

**ALL OF THE ABOVE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF/WHEN UPDATED GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY THE CDC, LLI, NYS OR WESTCHESTER COUNTY GOV'T OR DEPT OF HEALTH!**