



White Plains Little League

2021 Check List for Parents/Guardians

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" which WPLL will follow for its spring 2021 season. We ask all players and spectators to comply with these guidelines for the safety of all. Thank you.

General Guidance

- All coaches/managers, players, umpires and spectators, are required to conduct a health self-assessment before leaving home. Anyone with an elevated temperature, cough, fever, chills or shortness of breath, or any other symptoms of Covid-19, 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 BEFORE arriving at the facility.
 - o Anyone who attends a WPLL practice/game and thereafter tests positive for Covid-19 must be isolated and the WPLL Board (or Safety Officer) notified immediately.
- Participants are recommended to only travel to or from practices and games with members of their immediate household.
- Participants are encouraged to bring their own chair to every game. Most coaches/players will be positioned in an "extended dugout" to occupy while not on the playing field. They should keep their equipment on/near their chair to maintain social distancing.
- Parents MUST sign and return to the Manager the updated WPLL Waiver BEFORE the player can participate in any WPLL activity/practice/game.
- Managers/Coaches/Spectators/Umpires must wear face coverings at all times within a WP facility for a WPLL practice/game.
- Players must wear face coverings OFF the field, in the dugout/extended dugout.
 - 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 off the field/Spectators/Umpires must maintain 6-feet of social distancing at all times.
- 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

- There will be NO handshakes, high-fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations or huddles OF ANY KIND AT ANY TIME.
- 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 must be thoroughly disinfected/sanitized by the manager or coach in-between each use.



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- If a player doesn't have their own helmet, WPLL can give them one for the season and they can return it after the last game.
- Sunflower seeds, gum, etc., is STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

Game Operations Guidance

- Up to four (4) adults are permitted as manager/coaches during WPLL 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.
- Players should keep all of their equipment in their designated place, at least 6-feet from other players.
- 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 distance of 6-feet apart.
- WPLL will have at least one Safety Officer on-site for every WPLL game this season. The Safety Officer is available for consultation and has the authority to suspend the game if coaches, players or spectators are not adhering to the WPLL Safety Plan guidelines.
 - Initially a coach or spectator will be advised of the rules and asked to comply.
 - After five minutes of non-compliance, the coach or spectator will be advised to comply or they must leave the facility or the practice/game will be stopped.
 - After five more minutes of non-compliance, the game will be stopped and everyone will be asked to leave the facility so it can be disinfected/sanitized.
- Umpires will be placed behind the pitcher's mound/circle and have face coverings "at the ready". Umpires are required to wear face coverings for discussions with managers and in-between innings.
- Teams MUST retrieve their own foul balls. Spectators are PROHIBITED from touching balls that leave the field of play. Retrieved balls must be sanitized before returning to the field of play.
- Teams should NOT show-up more than 30 minutes before the start of a game to ensure the facility has been sanitized and to avoid encountering persons from a prior activity.

Facility, Fan and Administrative Guidance

- Coaches/Managers are encouraged to clean and disinfect equipment during the course of a game and between games. This includes but is not limited to Catcher's equipment, infield/outfield practice balls, Game balls, 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 designated dead ball territory.
- WPLL will spread out the scheduling of games to avoid any overlap of participants from one game to another. Facilities must be disinfected/sanitized in-between games on the same day, thus requiring an added buffer of time.

ALL OF THE ABOVE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WHEN OUR AREA ENTERS PHASE 4 AND UPDATED GUIDANCE IS ISSUED BY THE CDC, LLI, NYS OR LOCAL GOV'T OR DEPT OF HEALTH!