



Return to Play Guidelines

A RETURN TO PLAY WAIVER MUST BE SIGNED BY EACH PARTICIPANT/ PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN OF PARTICIPANT AND RETURNED TO LAKE NORMAN LITTLE LEAGUE BEFORE ANY PLAYER/COACH/FAMILY MEMBER PARTICIPATES!

These Return To Play Guidelines are based on Little League best practices and local town restrictions. These guidelines, while not guaranteeing adherence by all, focus on minimizing risk while allowing participants the opportunity to return to play.

- [Little League's Return to Play Best Practices](#)
- [Town of Huntersville Return to Play Guidelines](#)
- [Town of Cornelius Return to Play Guidelines](#)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Families shall make their own choice on participation and the use of personal protective equipment. Players shall be permitted to wear a cloth face covering on the field during game play, if physically able to do so, based on any directive of a medical provider or individual determination of the player/parent/guardian. All coaches, volunteers, umpires, etc., shall wear PPE whenever applicable and possible.

Symptom Screenings

Head Coaches or their designee shall perform a symptom screening for each player, coach, volunteer, and official participating in a team activity. If a participant has been diagnosed with, has symptoms of, or has been exposed to COVID-19, they should go home, stay away from other people, and call their doctor or local health department. See Symptom Screening Checklist.

FANS /SPECTATORS

- Each field is allowed up to a maximum of 25 spectators.
- Fans are to be at least six feet (6') apart at all times unless they are from the same household.
- No seating will be allowed behind home plate areas except for accessible seating and a scorekeeper.
- Masks are required if six (6') feet of social distancing cannot be maintained and are highly recommended at all times.
- No spitting seeds or gum is permitted on grounds.
- All spectators must bring their own chairs as all bleachers will be closed to spectators and used for social distancing of coaches and players only.
- Spectators may bring tents but use of tents will be limited to same household only.
- All coaches, umpires, players and spectators are encouraged to bring and use hand sanitizer frequently.

PLAYERS & COACHES

- Players and coaches will have designated areas during the game to keep everyone spread out, including bleacher areas near the dugout that will be roped off for players and coaches only.
- Players and coaches must maintain six (6') feet of social distancing when using dugouts and/or bleachers.
- Each team may have a maximum of four (4) volunteers assisting during games. Only approved volunteers are allowed in the dugout and on the field of play.
- Only two (2) approved volunteers are allowed in a dugout at any given time, along with one (1) player as noted below, to maintain proper distancing.
- When on offense, each team should have only one player at home plate, only one player on deck (*no on-deck batters in the Majors division & below*), and only one player in the dugout. All others must be socially distanced in bleachers or down the foul line.
- We encourage all parents to supply their players with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for disinfecting between innings.
- No handshakes, fist bumps, or high-fives before, during, or after the game. Coaches should ensure that players are adhering to social distancing in dugouts and other seating areas.
- Whenever possible, equipment and personal items should have proper separation and not be shared.
- Players, coaches, and umpires must bring their own water bottles. No team coolers allowed.
- Players and coaches can wear PPE items if they choose to do so. Make sure those items do not inhibit a player's safety while participating on the field. It is highly recommended that when you come to offense that you wear your PPE items while waiting to bat.
- No post-game meetings. All fans, players, and coaches must exit the facility immediately after the conclusion of the game to reduce foot traffic in the same area.