



## Amended procedures during 2020 season

In addition to our current safety plan adopted by the Board of Directors and registered with Little League International, this document provides procedures and policies specific to the 2020 season as the world deals with the Covid-19 Pandemic and takes into account the guidelines suggested by the United States Federal Government and state and local guidelines.

### ASSUMPTIONS

No one knows how phase 2 looks or when it will begin. The assumptions used to draft this document are:

1. CCSLL is waiting until phase 2 to start activity. Risk and requirements for coaches and league officials is too great in phase 1.
2. ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES remain operational and should avoid GATHERING in groups of more than 50 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing during phase 2. (Montana, pg. 18)
3. Social distancing remains is 6 feet
4. Vulnerable populations should continue to stay home
5. Physical distancing still required
6. Non-Essential travel remains in effect
7. Phase 2 starts before June 1st

Montana: Reopening the Big Sky Phased approach

<https://covid19.mt.gov/Portals/223/Documents/Reopening%20Montana%20Phased%20Approach.pdf?ver=2020-04-22-115707-770>

***Processes, procedures and dates will be amended as the situation changes and the league learns more of what Phase 2 in Montana will look like.***

### Registration

1. Registration will remain open until May 24<sup>th</sup>.
2. Registered families have until May 24<sup>th</sup> to decide whether their family wishes to participate in the 2020 season. If they DO NOT WISH to play, **written notice must be sent to [coppercitysoftball@gmail.com](mailto:coppercitysoftball@gmail.com) before May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020.** A refund of registration fees will be sent via check to the address on file. The league will not be able to refund the 3.00 fee the website provider charged.

## Team Selection

1. After May 24<sup>th</sup>, children will be assigned to teams.
2. There will not be a tryout process for Minor and Major teams. The coaches along with a few board members will determine the teams via mock draft.
3. Teams will have 1 weeks of practice and a 4-week season.
4. No all-star teams will be established for the 2020 season.

## Concession Stand and Bathrooms

There will not be a concession stand this year and bathrooms will not be open to the public.

## Equipment

The league collected \$20.00 per player for treats from the concession stand. This year, the idea is to use this money to pay for additional equipment needed to keep everyone healthy. We will need to purchase additional helmets, so everyone has one. Players will be allowed to wear their own if they currently have one, but must meet safety measures such as no cracks, adequate padding, etc. If a player needs a helmet, they will be expected to pick one up during designated helmet times and will be required to return the helmet at the end of the season. All players will use masking tape and write their name on the back of their helmets.

Players will be responsible to bring helmets to every game.

Catching equipment: Coaches will be responsible to wipe down catching gear during practices and games-especially face masks.

## Umpires

1. Equipment will be provided.
2. There will be 6 sets of equipment ready for each day and assigned to each game.
3. The umpire will wipe down their mask before play.
4. Once game is over, they will wipe their equipment down and place in 'used' bin, as well as turn in scorecard and player lists, which will trigger payment.
5. At the end of the night the board member assigned to field duty that day will re-wipe all equipment and prep for next day games.

## Practices and Games

1. Do not come to practice or games if you are sick, any family members are sick or if you have been exposed to anyone who has been sick or have travelled out of state within the past 14 days.
2. If coaches deem you to be sick you will be sent home and will not be allowed to return until authorized and tested by a doctor. Coach will alert the Board of Director and they will be responsible for follow-up.
3. Helmets will not be shared, and the league will assign each player a helmet.
4. Bats will be provided by the league for children to use if they do not have their own bat. Regardless of personal or league bat, it must be wiped down before and after each use.
5. During games, only equipment necessary for play will be allowed into the dugout. Designated areas will be established to leave bags, etc. along the baseline fence and back of the dugout.
6. No food will be allowed in dugout (unless medically necessary).
7. No sunflower seeds or gum will be allowed in dugout or field.

8. Children may be allowed to bring something to drink but must be clearly marked with their name. NO drinks will be shared.
9. NO high fives or team huddles will be allowed.
10. Benches and poles in and out of dugout will be wiped down between each game.
11. Hand Sanitizer will be required when leaving and entering the dugout.
12. Ball will be sanitized after each team at bat.
13. Each team will need 2 safety volunteer parents named who will be responsible for making sure sanitation procedures are followed, including the social distancing rule while batting. Once teams are established, safety volunteers will need to be identified and names provided to league director.
14. All players, coaches, ump, and volunteers to wear cloth masks.
15. Children not following rules may be asked to leave.

## Families Responsibilities

In order to make this a successful and safe season for everyone, please review and follow the following guidelines.

1. Vulnerable persons should refrain from attending games. There is a limited amount of parking around each field. Bleachers are available and camp chairs are welcome, but social distancing will need to be followed. Wearing a cloth mask is encouraged if sitting in the bleachers or camp chairs.
2. If a player, family member, or person you have been in contact with in the past 14 days is experiencing any of these symptoms, do not come to practices or games. Call your coach, and the coach will notify the Board of Directors. Call your healthcare provider to get tested for COVID-19.
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain (“body aches”)
  - Sore throat
  - Runny nose
  - New loss of taste or smell
3. If a player or immediate family member test positive for Covid-19, it will be imperative that the league be notified immediately. Confidentiality will be respected, but we need to keep our little league family as updated and healthy as we can.
4. It is the parent’s responsibility to keep the helmets clean. At games, there will be sanitary wipes provided to wipe down the helmet and face guard before and after the game.
5. If a player, family member, or person you have been in contact with has travelled out of state in the past 14 days, do not come to practices or games. Call your coach to notify them. Call the Butte-Silver Bow Health Department on guidance for isolation and quarantine.
6. Each child is responsible to bring a mitt and helmet to each game and practice. Bats are optional as the league will provide and as mentioned above will be wiped down after each use.

## Reminders for Everyone to Stay Healthy

1. Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching frequently used items or surfaces.
  - When washing hands with soap and water, wash for 20 seconds (sing “Happy Birthday” twice)
2. Avoid touching your face.
3. Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow. Wash your hands with soap and water after a sneeze or cough into the hands.
4. Visit CDC website for more information <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

