

North Clark Little League Return to Play Plan

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North Clark Little League (NCLL) intends to support our community's youth by providing an opportunity for learning and playing baseball in 2021 while following all the regulations and requirements of state and local governments during the COVID-19 pandemic. Little League strongly encourages each local league and district to adhere to the guidelines of their respective state and local governments for resuming Little League activities. The state of Washington considers Little League baseball as a moderate risk sport, and the state allows moderate risk sports to resume play with certain specific requirements to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This document lists those current requirements specific to moderate risk sports and describes North Clark Little Leagues Return to Play Plan for following those requirements and resuming play in 2021. Pursuant to the Governor of Washington's Proclamation these requirements are currently effective and will be followed by NCLL:

- School and Non-school sporting activities youth and adult now require facial coverings for all coaches, volunteers and athletes at all times.
- School and Non-school sporting activities youth and adult can are only allowed outdoors. Indoor practice, training, competitions, and other activities are not allowed.
- School and Non-school sporting activities youth and adult low and moderate risk sports are now allowed intra-team competitions and are not restricted to groups of six. No practice, training or competitions with other teams allowed.
- School and Non-school sporting activities youth and adult requirements are now the same for every county of the state. Non-essential travel such as out-of-state team or individual travel for sporting activities are subject to quarantines as detailed in the Governor's Travel Advisory.

https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Phase%202%20and%203%20Sporting%20Activities%20Guidance.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Additionally, recreational team sports operating during the Safe Start Washington phased reopening must adopt a written procedure for employee safety and customer interaction that is at least as strict as this procedure and that complies with the safety and health requirement, including recreation specific guidance. No business may operate until it can meet and maintain all the requirements in this document, including providing materials, schedules and equipment required to comply. Additional considerations may be adopted, as appropriate. The following is NCLL written procedure that complies with this requirement.

NCLL Return to Play Plan Rules and Regulations

- By volunteering or registering your player to NCLL, coaches, players, and parents agree to follow all NCLL protocols, policies, and responsibilities.
- Players will be registered, assigned to a team by age and skill, and insured consistent with typical Little League procedures.
- Players will check temperature prior to play and stay home when player is above normal temp, sick, or if in close contact of someone with COVID-19
- Athletes, coaches, umpires/referees, spectators and any other paid or volunteer staff should stay home if they feel unwell, show any signs of COVID-19, or are a close contact of a confirmed case.
- Masks required for all athletes/participants. Coaches, trainers, managers, spotters, and any other volunteer staff must wear face coverings at all times.
- All practices, skill development, and scrimmages will occur within a team. Teams will not be allowed to play other teams unless state restrictions are lifted in the future.
- All activities will be conducted outdoors, since indoor play is not currently permitted. Tournaments or travel will not occur unless state restrictions are lifted in the future.
- Players will be assigned spots along the fence and maintain 6 feet distance off the field when waiting to bat. Limited numbers of players and coaches will be temporarily allowed in dugouts as long as 6 feet between individuals is maintained.
- Physical distance of 6 feet must be maintained between staff, volunteers, and any spectators at all times with exceptions for training and medical personnel and volunteers performing their medical duties. Spectators must maintain physical distance of at least six (6) feet between each person and must wear masks in main common area and when physical distancing cannot occur. Immediate family members may group together.
- Players and Volunteers will wash their hands or use a hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer will be provided and balls and bats will be sanitized between play.
- Seating and viewing will occur around fields, bleachers will be temporarily removed.
- No handshakes, fist bumps, or physical contact between players, coaches, and volunteers.
- Concession stand will follow current WA state guidance for restaurants.
- NCLL will keep a roster of every athlete, staff and volunteer present at each practice, training session, and assist with contact tracing in the event of a possible exposure.
- These rules may be updated to follow the most current state and local government guidelines.