



Return to Play Plan

Homer Little League
Griggs Field
Hudson Street
Homer, NY 13077

2. Overview

This plan is designed to create a safe environment for players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and members of their household or immediate family while they are participating in youth baseball activities at the Homer Little League Griggs Field Baseball Complex in Homer, New York.

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3. Universal Guidelines

All persons participating with Homer Little League (coach, player, volunteer, umpire, spectator, family) must abide by these universal guidelines while at the facilities or league events.

- If you or a member of your household are sick or running a fever of 100 or higher, please stay home.
- If you or a member of your household becomes sick or begins experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please follow the CDC guidelines and notify Homer Little League.
- Practice social distancing (minimum of 6 feet distance) when outside at all times when not around your immediate family or other household members. When not able to socially distance, wear a well-secured paper or cloth that covers your nose and mouth (PPE) - When inside, wear PPE.
- Frequently wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer, especially after touching surfaces (doorknobs, light switches, gate latches, handles, etc.)
- No spitting, eating of sunflower seeds, or chewing of gum on the premises.
- When parking on the premises, please use your best efforts to park with one parking place in between another vehicle.

4. Coach/Volunteer Guidelines

Coaches, managers, and other assistants follow these guidelines.

- Disinfect multi-used items (bats, helmets) if players do not have their own.
- Minimize number of coaches and assistants for games/practices.
- Clean/disinfect team equipment.
- Clean/disinfect high touch surfaces before and after games/practices.

5. Player Guidelines

Players are to follow these guidelines at all times.

- When not in the field, they must wear PPE if not able to maintain social distancing.
- When in the field of play, wearing PPE is optional.
- Use or touch only their own equipment.
- If they do not have their own equipment, use team's that will be cleaned after each use.
- Bring their own beverage and do not share.
- No player is permitted in any dugouts at any time.

6. Umpire Guidelines

Umpires are to follow these guidelines at all times.

- Wear PPE if unable to keep social distancing.
- Plate umpire will be calling from behind the pitcher's mound on the grass.
- Base umpires will keep distance in set-up positions.
- Umpires will not handle baseballs.
- Passballs, foul balls will be retrieved by players.
- Pre-game player's equipment check is visual only.

7. Game Guidelines

Pregame, in-game, and post game guidelines to be followed at all times.

- Show up maximum of 30 minutes before game time.
- Game field must be exited completely and cleaned by previous teams before new teams enter the field. Dugouts will not be used.
- 15 minute maximum pre-game warm-ups for each team.
- No pre-game meeting at the plate with umpires and coaches.
- New baseball every 1/2 innings.
- Between innings, warm-ups must use the same ball.
- Foul balls will be retrieved by players only, not spectators, not coaches, not umpires.
- If touched by another, the ball will be disinfected before being reintroduced.
- No physical contact celebrations between players (i.e. high fives, fist bumps, etc).
- End of game - line-up out front of dugouts and tip hats in good sportsmanship.
- All high touch surfaces must be sanitized before any other team is permitted on the field or in the dugout.
- Clean and disinfect common contact points of field. -
 - Dugouts, fences, gate latches, benches, bleachers, etc.
- All persons must leave premises no later than 20 minutes after the end of the game.

8. Family Member Guidelines

Household and immediate family members are to follow these guidelines at all times.

- Household or immediate family only (parents, guardians, brothers, sisters).
- Bring their own seats and sit along the outfield fence or in their cars.
- Do not retrieve foul balls.
- No person is allowed to enter past the fence areas at any time, unless requested to do so by a representative of Homer Little League. Only players and Homer Little League personnel can enter the field areas.
- The number of spectators are limited to the number approved by New York State at any time. Homer LL/Coaches will inform family members and athletes of the number allowed, as well as any subsequent changes.

9. Equipment Guidelines

Guide to equipment use at all times.

- Players are not to share their equipment.
- Players who need equipment, will use the team's equipment.
- If team equipment is used, it must be disinfected after each use. To the extent possible, equipment will be assigned to individual players.
- Equipment bags are to be placed outside of the dugout separated from each other.
- Players must bring their own beverages.
- New baseball must be used every 1/2 innings.
- Warm-up baseballs between innings must be the same.

10. Concession Stand Guidelines

No concession stand. Closed for the season.

11. Restroom Guidelines

Guide to restroom use at all times.

- One occupant at a time, unless immediate family.
- Wash hands before exiting.
- Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected each day.
- Separate restrooms will be provided for spectators.