

FAYETTEVILLE-MANLIUS LITTLE LEAGUE SPRING/FALL HYBRID SEASON – PLAY RESUMPTION GUIDE

Overview

This play resumption 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 and softball activities at the Fayetteville Manlius Little League.

Universal Guidelines

All persons using Fayetteville Manlius Little League (coach, player, volunteer, umpire, spectator, employees) must abide by these universal guidelines while at the facilities:

- If you or a member of your household are sick, please stay home.
- If you or a member of your household becomes sick or begins experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, notify Fayetteville Little League and please keep your child home.
- All participant should monitor symptoms before arriving to practices or games.
- 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)
- 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.
- No shared food or water coolers will be permitted.

Coach/Volunteer Guidelines

Coaches, managers, and other assistants must follow these guidelines:

- Disinfect multi-used items (bats, helmets, and shared catchers equipment) 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.
- Coaches are to ensure they have the use of sanitizing solution for each game.
- At no time should coaches congregate players in the dugout for a team meeting or for any other purpose. Team meeting before and after the game are discouraged unless coaches ensure appropriate social distancing.
- Coaches must maintain 6-foot social distancing guidelines during games in interacting with players (i.e. - visits to the mound, talking with batter during his/her at bat, base-coach conversations, etc.)

Player Guidelines

Players are to follow these guidelines at all times:

- Players are encouraged to have their own equipment including bat, glove and helmet.
- Players are encouraged to have their own hand sanitizer and to have a mask in the event that one is needed.
- Players who do not have their own helmet will be provided one for use for the season to be returned at the end of the season
- Players arriving without a glove will not be permitted to play in the game.
- When in the field of play, wearing PPE is optional.
- Use or touch only their own equipment.
- If players do not have their own equipment, use team's which will be cleaned between each use.
- Players must bring their own beverage and must not share with anyone else.
- Follow dugout guidelines.

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 or softballs.
- Passed balls, foul balls will be retrieved by players.
- Pre-game player's equipment check is visual only.

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 and dugouts.
- 15 minute maximum pre-game warm-ups for each team.
- No pre-game meeting at the plate with umpires and coaches.
- New baseball/softball every 2 innings.
- Between-inning warm-ups must use same ball.
- The coach will be the only person to retrieve a bat and will wipe down the bat prior to the player retrieving his own bat.
- Coaches must maintain 6-foot social distancing guidelines during games in interacting with players (i.e. - visits to the mound, talking with batter during his/her at bat)
- Foul balls will be retrieved by players only, not spectators, not coaches, not umpires.
- 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, including player seating areas, the dugouts and bathrooms 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.
- Must leave premises no later than 20 minutes after the end of the game.

Practice Guidelines

- Players will arrive no sooner than 15 minutes prior to practice and will leave no later than 15 minutes after the practice
- Practices will be scheduled so that there is sufficient time for the first practice to end and all participants leave prior to the next practice starting
- No dugout use for practice
- Coaches should ensure social distancing is adhered to throughout practice
- All other rules as described in this document that are relevant will be followed for practices.

Family Member Guidelines

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

- Household or immediate family only (parents, guardians, siblings, grandparents) will attend games.
- Family members should bring their own seats and sit along the outfield fence or in their cars.
- No family members will be allowed to sit in any of the facilities bleachers.
- Do not retrieve foul balls.
- Spectators to wear a mask if they are unable to socially distance six feet.
- It is encouraged that no more than 2 spectators per player attend each game.
- All family members are encouraged to bring personal hand sanitizer.

Equipment Guidelines

Guide to equipment use at all times.

- Players are not to share their equipment.
- Players who need equipment, will use team's equipment.
- If team equipment is used, it must be disinfected after each use or players will use that equipment for the duration of the season
- Equipment bags are to be placed outside of dugout separated from each other.
- Players must bring their own beverages.
- New baseball/softball must be used every 2 innings.
- Warm-up baseballs/softballs between innings must be the same.

Dugout Guidelines

Guide to dugout use at all times:

- Only 1 coach inside the dugout at a time.
- Only 3 players inside the dugout at a time.
- Remainder of the team is separated on the bleachers outside the dugout or along the fence in assigned places.
- Dugout and bleachers must be cleaned and disinfected after each game/practice using EPA approved household disinfectant or a solution of diluted household bleach.

Concession Stand Guidelines

- No concessions allowed at this time

Restroom Guidelines

Guide to restroom use at all times:

- One occupant at a time.
- Wash hands before exiting.
- Restrooms will be cleaned and disinfected each day.