



McIntire Little League – Return to Play

COVID-19 Policies and Procedures

McIntire Little League takes player and personal safety very seriously. As we open up our league to play in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have followed Little League guidance and worked with local authority in addressing how best to proceed safely. While we cannot control for every situation, the following document details how we will operate and what we expect of coaches, players, umpires, family members, and spectators.

Prior to entry to the field for the first time, all players (or guardians on their behalf) and coaches must sign a waiver, McIntire's Return to Play acknowledgement, and agree to adhere to all policies and procedures contained in this document, and any additional safety protocols the league deems necessary.

- Screening
 - McIntire expects its participants to be honest with themselves and each other as we seek to provide a safe environment for all involved.
 - Before any league activity, we also expect all participants to engage in self-screening for the presence of symptoms (fever of 100.4 °F or greater, cough, shortness of breath, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle aches, nausea, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, vomiting, etc.) and determine if the individual has been in close contact with a person who has been diagnosed with, tested for, or quarantined as a result of COVID-19.
 - Anyone who has symptoms of, has tested positive for, or has been exposed to COVID-19, or who does not pass other applicable screening measures must adhere to appropriate CDC guidelines for quarantine or isolation and will not be permitted at any league activity until those requirements have been met.
- Distancing and Play
 - Players, coaches and umpires will adhere to state and local guidelines and requirements regarding physical distancing.

- At McIntire Park, which is located in the City of Charlottesville, current City requirements mandate that 10 feet physical distance be maintained between all players, instructors and umpires at all times (those not in the same household).
- Neither live game scenarios nor drills involving close contact with other athletes are permitted at McIntire Park at this time.
- Players will be required to separate and store their equipment at 10' or more increments. There will be markings in appropriate places to denote spacing. Practices will occur in a manner that accomplishes applicable distancing requirements, with coaches using cones and markers to spread players apart.
- Facilities
 - Currently, a maximum of 50 people are allowed on or around a field at a time at local facilities. McIntire Little League will limit team sizes and provide additional spectator guidelines and restrictions in order to effectuate applicable limits.
 - All participants must exit a field before any new participants are allowed. McIntire Little League intends to provide additional time between practices and games in an effort to minimize the number of persons at our facilities at any one time.
 - At McIntire Park, spectators must spread out around the field in order to maintain the required social distancing. At this time, 10 foot social distancing is REQUIRED at McIntire Park all times by persons not in the same household. Bleacher seating will be limited accordingly.
 - The dugouts will not be utilized at McIntire Little League facilities.
 - Hand sanitizer will be provided as available in central locations at the McIntire facilities.
 - McIntire Little League strongly encourages parents to send additional sanitizer with their children for personal use.
 - Coaches will use and encourage their players to use hand sanitizer at the start and at the conclusion of every practice and game, and between innings as practical.
 - Coaches will attempt to facilitate additional reasonable precautions as may be requested by a player or player's family, for instance, reminding a player to wear a face covering at various times, if so desired.
- Equipment
 - There will be no shared equipment.
 - McIntire Little League will lend disinfected equipment to players upon request.
- Food and Drink
 - Players will provide their own water bottles. The League will not provide any shared water sources.
 - There will be no food allowed within the fences or on the bleachers at practices or games. This includes gum, sunflower seeds, etc.
 - Concessions will be closed.

Moving Forward

Return to Play is complicated for McIntire Little League by the fact that it draws players from both the City of Charlottesville and Albemarle County. It also has historically utilized facilities located in both the City (McIntire Park and City school fields) and the County (Darden Towe and County school fields). McIntire Little League is working with both the City and the County to comply with their respective requirements. Presently, COVID and return to play regulations and requirements differ in the City and the County and only the City has approved field use for the fall season.

Throughout the season as medical and governmental guidance changes, or as County approval may occur for County facilities with additional or different requirements, our Return to Play policies will continue to evolve. All updates will be communicated to participants in advance of events.

McIntire Little League
Return to Play Acknowledgement

Participant families are required to initial (on the line) each statement and sign the document.

_____ I acknowledge receipt of the McIntire Little League's RETURN TO PLAY – Fall 2020 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES document.

_____ I have read the contents of the McIntire Little League's RETURN TO PLAY – Fall 2020 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES document.

_____ I agree to adhere to all of the policies and procedures that are detailed in the McIntire Little League's RETURN TO PLAY – Fall 2020 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES document.

_____ I further acknowledge that if my child or anyone in my family is in violation of the policies and procedures outlined in the McIntire Little League's RETURN TO PLAY – Fall 2020 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES document, that my player may forfeit his or her participation in our league, and my family may not receive a refund.

Player's Full Name: _____

Player's Team: _____

Player's Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Full Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed:

WAIVER/RELEASE FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES INCLUDING COVID-19

ASSUMPTION OF RISK / WAIVER OF LIABILITY / INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

In consideration of being allowed to participate on behalf of McIntire Little League athletic program and related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. Participation includes possible exposure to and illness from infectious diseases including but not limited to MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19. While particular rules and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious illness and death does exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated Return to Play COVID-19 Policies and Procedures and customary terms and conditions for participation as regards protection against infectious diseases. If, however, I observe and any unusual or significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS McIntire Little League, their officers, officials, board members, agents, and/or volunteers (including managers, coaches and umpires), other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of participant: _____

Participant signature: _____

Date signed: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child/ward including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations for protection against communicable diseases. Furthermore, my child/ward understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself, my spouse, and child/ward do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself, my spouse, and child/ward do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's/ward's presence or participation in these activities as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Parent guardian/signature: _____

Date signed: _____