



2021 COVID SAFETY PLAN

Big Flats Little League Baseball – April 3, 2021

Prior to the start of our season, these requirements will be shared with all our Little League families. Before practices start, representatives from the Big Flats Little League Board will meet to review the requirements with the coaches. Also, Big Flats Little League Board members will conduct spot checks to make sure coaches and families remain vigilant and follow these rules. COVID release forms will be required from all families during the first week or practice.

Personal Wellness Check – At Home

All players and coaches must be feeling well before participating in a practice or game. If anyone is sick or not feeling well, for any reason, please stay home.

Requirements for the Community Park Fields

1. Spectators are welcome to attend all baseball related activities at the fields. BFLB will advise spectators to adhere to social distancing and mask wearing consistent with New York State, Chemung County, and CDC guidelines.
2. During practices and games, coaches and players should work to maintain a minimum six foot distance when game play or a practice drill does not necessitate closer distance (i.e., tag plays, etc.) . Coaches are required to wear masks whenever a particular circumstance or activity requires them to be consistently less than six feet apart from a player.
3. Umpires will be encouraged to call balls and strikes from behind the pitcher's mound if safe distance or umpire masking cannot be maintained behind the catcher.
4. Coaches and players are required to wear masks whenever they are stationed in the dugout and cannot maintain six-foot clearance.
5. Spiting sunflower seeds and similar items is prohibited.
6. Players are not required to wear masks while batting, running, pitching, actively playing or practicing in the field.
7. Sharing of equipment, water bottles, bug spray, snacks, etc. is not permitted unless the equipment is properly sanitized in between uses.

Additional Requirements for the Community Park Batting Cages

- Only one player in the cage at a time along with one coach, parent, or guardian. Others must maintain at least six foot spacing or using a tee while hitting into another net, again one player at a time.
- As baseballs are picked up, the batter and pitcher shall endeavor to maintain at least six feet clearance.