

District 2 Little League, Return to Play

Objective:

- Provide a comprehensive plan to safely return all District 2 Little League families and participants back to play.
- Provide safe conditions and atmosphere for return to practice at commencement.
- Provide safe conditions and atmosphere for return to Play at commencement.
- Make families feel Safe.

State Guidelines

- All individuals should continue to maximize physical distance from others in public, particularly in enclosed environments. Individuals should avoid socializing in groups of more than 50 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate social distancing of at least 6 feet.

State Guidelines

Issues:

- Provide adequate sanitation stations onsite
- Provide adequate practice and game locations
- Provide adequate guidance onsite for social distancing
- Provide adequate Board of Directors for onsite compliance assurance.

Solutions:

- Partner with city and county Leadership to deploy sanitizing stations at each facility meeting State and Local guidelines.
- County and City to allow full access to all Baseball Fields for practice and Games within State and Local guidelines.
- County and City to allow full access to all softball fields for practice and Games within State and Local guidelines.
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- Practices:
 - Practice times.
 - There will be a 30 minute stagger between practice times. This will allow one group to leave prior to arrival of the next group.
 - Only one team will be allowed on each field at a time. This will allow families to spread out at each individual field.
 - On field practice activities may be in groups if possible but not exceeding max numbers to a group.
 - Players attending practice will spread equipment out in dugout and bullpen to adhere to social distancing requirements.
 - Batting cages will be closely monitored
 - Tee ball and Single A division practices will be spread out. These divisions will follow the same guidelines as upper divisions.

- Games:
 - At all fields' single teams will practice starting at 5:00pm with staggered start times for teams that follow.
 - At all facilities nightly games on each field will play starting approximately 5:00pm with staggered start times for games that follow.
 - Concession, if opened will adhere to all safety and conditions set forth by the District / State
 - Should scheduling allow, all parks at night may host two practice sessions at staggered times in lieu of games in accordance with practice guidelines.
 - Saturday games throughout the day/evening will be staggered at times to allow proper cleaning, entering and exiting the fields to avoid large gatherings.
 - Games attendees will try to be held to players, coaches, umpires and family members only.

- Each individual League will be responsible to enforce all guidelines set in place.
- Each individual league will be responsible to provide a "Board member" to be on site at any and all ball fields during scheduled games to ensure guidelines are being followed.
- No League will substitute, alter or omit any part of the document without knowledge or approval from the District, Parks Director or the County.



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Pre and Post Game Guidelines for baseball/Softball

1. Bleacher: WILL NOT be available at any venue (only use for extended dugout).
2. Spectators: need to plan ahead and bring their own seating and maintain social distancing of 6 feet between families up and down the fence line from the dugout to the foul poles. If using a tent, please restrict the tent to family members only and space such tents a minimum of 6 feet apart.
3. After each game, in lieu of handshakes, each team shall line up on their respective baseline and tip their cap to the opposing team minimizing player contact if agreed upon.
4. Players should plan ahead and bring their own personal cooler instead of using a team cooler.
5. The managers meeting at home plate shall be limited to the 2 team managers (one from each team) and 2 umpires. No assistant coaches or players at the plate meeting.
6. Dugout personnel shall consist of essential team personnel ONLY. No parents, no scorekeepers, etc. Just active rostered, uniformed team players and up to 3 adults (1 manager & 2 coaches). All players must be supervised at all times when expanding the dugout or if Bleachers are used as extended dugouts.
7. Parents should supply their players with antibacterial wipes and hand sanitizer for disinfecting shared playing equipment and cleaning hands between innings.
8. Players may wear any Personal Protection Equipment deemed necessary by their parents as long as such items do not compromise the safety of any and all participants in the game.
9. Upon arriving at a dugout prior to a game, teams are to wipe down (clean) hard surfaces such as benches, bat racks, etc.
10. Teams are required to thoroughly clean their dugout of all trash and other items after each game, and wipe down (clean) hard surfaces such as benches, bat racks, etc.
11. Sunflower seeds and other items that require spitting shall be prohibited.
12. We understand this is a serious illness, we request those with a chronic disease or those who are immune-compromised, please consider staying home and not attending until the doctors signal all clear.
13. Any person who is experiencing symptoms of sickness will be prohibited from attending the event/venue of play. Please use common sense!
14. Finally, anyone who doesn't feel safe has the right to stay home.
- *15. It is recommended that everyone wear face coverings and gloves but it is not mandatory.
- *16. Umpires may call balls and strikes from behind the mound or plate, keep in mind the social distancing of 6' whenever possible throughout the game.