



Issaquah Little League 2021 – Participant Covid-19 Protocol Guidelines

INTRODUCTION

- Issaquah Little League's primary goal is to ensure the safety of our players, coaches, volunteers, and families.
- This plan is designed to minimize the risk of transmission of COVID-19 while allowing the play of Little League Baseball and Softball.
- This plan is created from and will be updated to align with the guidelines from Washington State Department of Health and King County Department of Health.
- This plan pertains to all organized practices, games, events and tournaments.

TEAM HEALTH PROTOCOL PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Athletes, coaches, umpires, spectators and any other paid or volunteer staff should stay home if they feel unwell and/or show signs of COVID-19 or are a close contact of a confirmed case.
- Any person with symptoms of COVID-19 or who is a close contact of someone with confirmed COVID-19 will not be allowed to participate – stay home instead.

TEAM / PLAYER AVAILABILITY – SPORTS CONNECT APP or WEBSITE

- Parents/Coaches will be required to update the availability of a player in the Sports Connect App or Team Connect Website – ILL TEAM Specific Page.
- When confirming attendance for an event/practice or game Parents/Coaches are agreeing, to the best of their knowledge, the following statements.
 - Participant has not tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Participant has not been sick or running a fever in the last 48 hours?
 - Participant has not been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19? If answer is YES to any of the above questions, player must NOT attend an ILL Event.

MASKS / FACIAL COVERINGS

- Masks/facial coverings are required at all times for athletes, coaches, umpires/referees, spectators and any other paid or volunteer staff.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Physical distance of 6 feet must be maintained between staff, volunteers, and any spectators at all times with the exceptions for training and medical personnel and volunteers performing their medical duties.
- 6 feet distance must be maintained among athletes when not engaged in sporting activities, huddles and team meetings must be physically distanced.
- Umpires – will call games in normal field positions or from behind the mound with face coverings worn.
- All events will follow the King County guidelines for maximum numbers in gatherings at all times. This may result in practice and games with no spectators.

HYGIENE

- Required athletes, coaches, umpires/referees and any other paid or volunteer staff to practice good hygiene including washing / sanitizing their hands frequently and covering their sneezes and coughs.
- Players/Coaches/Umpires – Need to have in their possession their own Hand Sanitizer or Sanitizing Wipes.
- Sanitize hands before and after practice and games. Especially after touching shared objects.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Athletes should not share water bottles, uniforms, equipment (bats, gloves, helmets, catcher's gear), towels, and should not spit (saliva, sunflower seeds, etc.)

PRE-PRACTICE/GAME

- Alert your players and families that anyone feeling sick SHOULD STAY HOME.
- Players and coaches may not enter the playfield until the start of the reservation, and no equipment can be brought to the field until the start of the reservation. Waiting on the sidelines prior to the start of the contest is not allowed.
- All players & coaches wash / sanitize their hands.
- Clean high touch surfaces and disinfect shared equipment.
- Pre-game warmups - players should adhere to social distancing guidelines (stay 6 feet apart) when this can be achieved.
- Pre-game plate meeting- Coaches and umpires wear masks and stay 6+ feet apart to discuss game rules.

PLAYER/TEAM CELEBRATIONS

- Limit physical contact; no large group celebrations (walk-offs, homeruns, etc.)

PLAYER GATHERING

- Masks must be worn at all times.
- The bleacher area at each field should be available for player overflow based on the size of the dugout.

- Fans will be limited to sitting and/or standing down the foul line and outside the outfield fence, making the bleacher area available for player overflow.

POST GAME

- No post-game handshakes - alternate ways to acknowledge your opponent - hat tip, waves, foot taps, etc.
- Clean high touch surfaces and disinfect shared equipment.
- All players and umpires must vacate the field within 15 minutes of the end of the reservation. All equipment and garbage must be removed from the field within 15 minutes of the end of the reservation.
- If another game follows at the same site, exit the facility quickly.
- Space games out accordingly to allow for all pre/post-game protocol.
- New teams must wait until all players have exited to enter facility.
- Coaches for next game follow pre-game sanitization protocol

PARENT / FAN POLICY

- Social distancing is required at all times.
- Spectators are required to bring their own chairs or stand 6 feet apart – while practicing social distancing guidelines (exception for those that live in the same household)

CONTACT TRACING

- Teams are required to keep a roster of every athlete, staff and volunteer present at each practice, training session, to assist with contact tracing in the event of a possible exposure. The primary tool for Tracing can / will be the Sports Connect Team App or Website.

Issaquah Little League COVID-19 Protocol Acknowledgment

- We acknowledge that we have read, understand and will comply with the Issaquah Little League Covid-19 Protocol. We understand that compliance with this Code of Conduct is an essential part of the sport of baseball and is a condition of participation in Issaquah Little League games and activities.

Player's Name _____

Player's Signature _____

Parent/guardian Signatures _____

Manager's Signature _____

Date _____