

**SOMERS POINT LITTLE LEAGUE - RESUMPTION OF PLAY PLANNING DOCUMENT**  
**SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION – JUNE 30, 2020**

**Guidelines for Team Practices: Players, Coaches and Parents/Spectators**

- All SPLL team practices will be limited to 1 team (12-13 players plus 2-3 coaches) per field at a given time;
- All team practice times will be staggered to allow for no congregation at any given time;
- Practices will be reduced in duration;
- Parents will remain in cars at practices if they remain at the practice location; if not in car they must be a minimum of twenty feet from the field/dugouts; added: and any player or other participant
- Following the conclusion of practice, players will immediately exit field and premises;

**I. Guidelines for Players**

- All players bags will remain outside the dugouts adhering to 6-foot distancing guidelines.
- Dugouts on both base lines will be utilized by the 1 team practicing allowing for proper social distancing. Bleachers will also be utilized if needed to maintain proper social distancing among. Added: Spectators will not be in these areas.
- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments. Anybody experiencing symptoms or living with somebody experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- No sharing of food or drinks. Team drink/food coolers are prohibited. Individual players must bring their own drinks or snacks.
- Must not share equipment. Gear and equipment should be used by the individual owner only and should be sanitized regularly before, during and after play. Added: If equipment has been handled by others it must be wiped down or sanitized in an appropriate manner.
- No spitting or chewing seeds, gum or other similar products.
- No touch rule: Players and coaches must refrain from celebratory physical contact with each other.
- Each player required to have hand sanitizer present in their bag and encouraged to use it frequently during practice.
- Face coverings when not in the field of play. Players may wear any personal protective equipment deemed necessary by their parent or guardian as long as it does not compromise safety of the player or other participants.

**II. Guidelines for Coaches**

- Coach must always adhere to 6-foot distancing guidelines.
- No team coaching huddles.
- Coaches may wear any personal protective equipment deemed necessary.
- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or living with anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Coaches will be responsible to sanitize team equipment used during practice.
- No touch rule: Players and coaches must refrain from celebratory physical contact with each other or opponents on and off the field of play. A “hat tip” shall replace the customary post-game handshake.
- Coaches are responsible for the actions and safety of their own team, which includes parents/spectators. They should ensure all players are adhering to social distancing in and around the dugout, as well as other seating areas, while not actively participating in the field of play.

**III. Guidelines for Parents/Spectators**

- Must remain in car or minimum of twenty feet from the perimeter of the field.

- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or living with anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Must not enter player areas on the field, behind the backstop or in/ around team dugouts and staging areas.
- Parents/Spectators may wear any personal protective equipment deemed necessary as long as it does not compromise safety of the players or other participants.

## **Guidelines for Games/Tournaments: Players, Coaches, Umpires and Parents/Spectators**

### **I. Guidelines for Players**

#### **A. Mandatory Protocols**

- Must adhere to 6-foot distancing guidelines when not in the field of play.
- Batting team: Dugout limited to next 3 players to bat & 1 coach. All other players must remain 6 feet apart behind the dugout or along the foul line behind the protective fencing (wherever adequate open space).
- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments. Any player experiencing symptoms or living with somebody experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- No sharing of food or drinks. Team drink/food coolers are prohibited. Individual players must bring their own drinks or snacks.
- Must not share equipment. Gear and equipment should be used by the individual owner only and should be sanitized regularly before, during and after play. Added: If equipment has been handled by others it must be wiped down or sanitized in an appropriate manner.
- No spitting or chewing seeds, gum or other similar products.
- No touch rule: Players and coaches must refrain from celebratory physical contact with each other or opponents on and off the field of play. A “hat tip” shall replace the customary post-game handshake.

#### **B. Strongly Encouraged Protocols**

- Face coverings when not in the field of play. Players may wear any personal protective equipment deemed necessary by their parent or guardian as long as it does not compromise safety of the player or other participants.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing frequently during the game.
- Individual player’s equipment and/ or personal items should remain separate when possible.

### **II. Guidelines for Coaches**

#### **A. Mandatory Protocols**

- Must adhere to 6-foot distancing guidelines.
- Must wear face coverings at all times.
- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or living with anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Must ensure that their players, assistant coaches, and team spectators are following the Covid-19 prevention measures including, but not limited, to all mentioned herein.
- Each team will supply baseballs to be used exclusively for their team in the field to minimize the number of people using the same ball. Coaches must sanitize balls with disinfectant between innings.
- Teams will keep their own lineup cards; umpires will not receive lineup cards.

- No touch rule: Players and coaches must refrain from celebratory physical contact with each other or opponents on and off the field of play. A “hat tip” shall replace the customary post-game handshake.
- Coaches are responsible for the actions and safety of their own team, which includes spectators. They should ensure all players are adhering to social distancing in and around the dugout as well as other seating areas while not actively participating in the field of play.

### **III. Guidelines for Umpires**

#### **A. Mandatory Protocols**

- Must adhere to 6-foot distancing guidelines when interacting with players, coaches and spectators both on and off the field of play.
- Must wear face coverings at all times.
- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or living with anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Umpires will not receive lineup cards from the opposing coaches.
- The plate umpire will be positioned behind the mound to call balls and strikes while maintaining 6 feet of separation from the pitcher.

#### **B. Strongly Encouraged Protocols**

- Face coverings when not in the field of play. Umpires may wear any personal protective equipment deemed necessary as long as it does not compromise safety of the players or other participants.
- Hand sanitizing frequently during the game.
- Umpires should not handle or touch individual player’s equipment.
- Umpires own equipment or personal items should remain separate when possible.

### **IV. Guidelines for Parents/Spectators**

#### **A. Mandatory Protocols**

- Must adhere to 6-foot distancing guidelines for anyone not in the same family.
- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluation assessments. Anyone experiencing symptoms or living with anyone experiencing symptoms must stay home.
- Must not enter player areas on the field, behind the backstop or in/ around team dugouts and staging areas.
- Must maintain minimum of 10-foot distance from any player or coach.

#### **B. Strongly Encouraged Protocols**

- Spectators may wear any personal protective equipment deemed necessary as long as it does not compromise safety of the players or other participants.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing as needed during the game.
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