

# Western Region San Jose National Little League



## “Where Safety Comes First” San Jose National Little League 2025 Safety Plan

League ID #: 4055902

## Safety Mission Statement

San Jose National Little League (SJNLL) is a non-profit organization run by volunteers whose mission is to provide an opportunity for our community's children to learn the game of baseball in a safe and friendly environment.

# 2025 Board of Directors

## Requirement 1:

### 2025 Board List

Name	Title	Email	Phone #
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OPEN	Division Coordinator		
OPEN	Tournament Coordinator		

## **Distribution of Safety Manual**

### **Requirement 2:**

San Jose National Little League will publish and distribute a copy to all board members, teams, coaches and other key volunteers. A copy to be kept in the league file, in the concession stand and copies will be made available to anyone who requests a copy. A copy sent to District 59 and another sent to Little League International.

## **EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS**

### **Requirement 3:**

Police/Fire/Medical Emergencies	911 or (408) 277-8911
Non-Emergency	311 or (408) 277-8900
Santa Clara County Health District	<a href="https://publichealth.sccgov.org/home">https://publichealth.sccgov.org/home</a>
Animal Control	(408) 794-7297
City of San Jose	(408) 535-3500

The Safety Officer for San Jose National Little League is Bob Heinrich. Please notify them at [safety@sjnll.org](mailto:safety@sjnll.org)

Additionally, contact the following personnel:

- League President: Christina Pando
- League Vice President: Kyle

The procedure for an incident / accident requires the following steps to be taken:

1. Get player proper medical attention required for incident/accident
2. Incident report to be filled out by the manager/coach and sent to the league safety officer within 48 hours.
3. Safety Officer to review the incident report with the Manager/Coach for correctness and all information included.
4. The Safety Officer needs to call / follow up with the player's parent(s) within a couple of days.
5. This process should be repeated until the player is fully healed.
6. A determination is then made whether the player can return to the team.
7. If further medical attention is needed the Safety Officer is to help with whatever is needed.

## **NEIGHBORING HOSPITALS**

NAME: Regional Medical Center of San Jose  
ADDRESS: 225 N Jackson Ave, San Jose Ca 95116  
PHONE NUMBER: (408) 259-5000

NAME: Kaiser Hospital  
ADDRESS: 250 Hospital Parkway, San Jose Ca 95119  
PHONE NUMBER: (408) 972-6335

NAME: O'Connor Hospital  
ADDRESS: 2105 Forest Ave, San Jose Ca  
PHONE NUMBER: (408) 947-2500

NAME: Santa Clara Valley Medical Center  
ADDRESS: 751 Bascom Ave, San Jose Ca 95128  
PHONE NUMBER: (408) 885-5000

### **Requirement 3: COVID-19 Guidelines**

Note that the following is intended to ensure San Jose National Little League's compliance with Federal, State and County health guidelines regarding the mitigation of spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID 19). Pursuant to the Santa Clara County Emergency Operations Center, Santa Clara County is aligned with the State on all guidance for youth. Should those guidelines change after the publishing of the following League guidelines, the Federal, State and County health directives will take precedence over the following:

#### **Self-Monitoring and Quarantine/Isolation**

All individuals should measure their body temperature to ensure that no fever is present prior to participating or attending each Little League activity. Anyone with symptoms of fever, cough, or worsening respiratory symptoms, or any known exposure to, or close contact with, a person with COVID-19 should not attend any Little League activity. For information regarding the definition of "known exposure" or "close contact", please consult the Centers for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

If your child has been exposed to an individual diagnosed with COVID-19, your child may continue to participate in Little League activities regardless of vaccination status, with NO symptoms and they should get tested for COVID-19 on Day 3-5 UNLESS they had COVID-19 within the past 90 days (3 months). If they start to feel sick or show symptoms, they should get tested right away, even if they had COVID-19 before. They should wear a mask for the next 10 days. Since they may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, there is a chance they could have been infected and possibly spread COVID-19.

**Wash your hands and/or sanitize thoroughly and often.**

**Watch your distance.**

#### **Facility, Fan, and Administrative Guidance**

It is the responsibility of both teams to clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily and in between all facility uses, including practices and games. Family and friends should refrain from entering dugouts. All spectators should adhere to the self-monitoring guidance above.

*These guidelines are subject to change.*

# STAY SAFE ON AND OFF THE FIELD



**Stay home if you are sick.**



**Bring your own equipment and gear (if possible)**



**Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue or your elbow.**



**Wash your hands or use sanitizer before and after events and sharing equipment.**



**Tell a coach or staff member if you don't feel well.**



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## DO choose masks that



Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose, mouth, and chin.



Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

## DO NOT choose masks that



Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl



Have exhalation valves or vents which allow virus particles to escape




Not recommended: Evaluation of face shields is ongoing, but effectiveness is unknown at this time.

# Background Checks and Fingerprinting

## Requirement 4:


Little League International has established criteria for each chartered league's performance of an investigation into the background of all individuals who volunteer in any capacity. Each volunteer will be required to complete a volunteer application from and provide a copy of their government issued photo identification. The minimum requirement for these background investigations is verification that volunteers are not registered sex offenders. To provide additional protection to the children we will submit a list of all volunteers to JDP. A background investigation that will list any convictions nationwide will be completed. Upon clearance of individual background investigations all volunteers will be notified by The Board of Directors. As of 1/1/2024, Fingerprinting is also required by CA law.

<https://www.littleleague.org/videos/resource-guide-quick-tip-background-checks/>



## Little League® Volunteer Application – 2023

Do not use forms from past years. Use extra paper to complete if additional space is required.



**This volunteer application should only be used if a league is manually entering information into JDP or an outside background check provider that meets the standards of Little League Regulations 1(c)(9). THIS FORM SHOULD NOT BE COMPLETED IF A LEAGUE IS UTILIZING THE JDP QUICKAPP. Visit [LittleLeague.org/localBGcheck](https://www.littleleague.org/localBGcheck) for more information.**  
**A COPY OF VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION.**

All RED fields are required.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Name or Initial Last

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Security # (mandatory)** \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_

Special professional training, skills, hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Community affiliations (Clubs, Service Organizations, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Previous volunteer experience (including baseball/softball and year): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have children in the program?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list full name and what level? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Special Certification (CPR, Medical, etc.)? If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

3. Do you have a valid driver's license?  Yes  No  
 Driver's License#: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, plead no contest, or guilty to any crime(s) involving or against a minor, or of a sexual nature?  Yes  No  
 If yes, describe each in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If volunteer answered yes to Question 4, the local league must contact Little League International.)

5. Have you ever been convicted of or plead no contest or guilty to any crime(s)?  Yes  No  
 If yes, describe each in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Answering yes to Question 5, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.)

6. Do you have any criminal charges pending against you regarding any crime(s)?  Yes  No  
 If yes, describe each in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Answering yes to Question 6, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.)

7. Have you ever been refused participation in any other youth programs and/or listed on any youth organization ineligible list?  Yes  No  
 If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If volunteer answered yes to Question 7, the local league must contact Little League International.)

In which of the following would you like to participate? (Check one or more.)

League Official  Umpire  Manager  Concession Stand  
 Coach  Field Maintenance  Scorekeeper  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list three references, at least one of which has knowledge of your participation as a volunteer in a youth program:

**Name/Phone**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**IF YOU LIVE IN A STATE THAT REQUIRES A SEPARATE BACKGROUND CHECK BY LAW, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THAT STATE'S BACKGROUND CHECK. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STATE LAWS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [LittleLeague.org/BgStateLaws](https://www.littleleague.org/BgStateLaws)**

**AS A CONDITION OF VOLUNTEERING,** I give permission for the Little League organization to conduct background check(s) on me now and as long as I continue to be active with the organization, which may include a review of sex offender registries (some of which contain some only searches which may result in a report being generated that may or may not be me), child abuse and criminal history records. I understand that, if appointed, my position is conditional upon the league receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the officers, employees and volunteers thereof, or any other person or organization that may provide such information. I also understand that, regardless of previous appointments, Little League is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position. If appointed, I understand that, prior to the expiration of my term, I am subject to suspension by the President and removal by the Board of Directors for violation of Little League policies or principles.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 If Minor/Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Applicant Name (please print or type) \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** The local Little League and Little League Baseball, Incorporated will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

LOCAL LEAGUE USE ONLY:

Background check completed by league officer \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

System(s) used for background check (minimum of one must be checked):  
**Review the Little League Regulation 1(c)(9) for all background check requirements**

JDP (Includes review of the U.S. Center of SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database and Little League International Ineligible/Suspended List)\*  
**OR**  
 National Criminal Database check  U.S. Center of SafeSport's Centralized Disciplinary Database and Little League International Ineligible/Suspended List  
 National Sex Offender Registry

**\*Please be advised that if you use JDP and there is a name match in the few states where only name match searches can be performed you should notify volunteers that they will receive a letter or email directly from JDP in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act containing information regarding all the criminal records associated with the name, which may not necessarily be the league volunteer.**

**Only attach to this application copies of background check reports that reveal convictions of this application.**

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## Requirement 5:

As part of the continued evolution of the **Little League Child Protection Program** and our new requirement for all volunteers to complete Abuse Awareness training on an annual basis, the instructions below on how to link your account to their local league and complete the Abuse Awareness for Adults course.

### **Directions for Abuse Awareness for Adults Course Completion--LITTLE LEAGUE:**

#### **1. Create an Account or Sign in to USABDevelops.com**

- Go to **USABDevelops.com** or download the **USA Baseball app in the Apple App Store** or **Google Play**.
- Click “Sign in/Register”
- Enter all required information
- **Select your league from the “Little League – Local Leagues” drop-down menu and click “+Join”**
  - **If you have an existing account, click your name in the top right corner, select MY ACCOUNT, and then UPDATE MY PROFILE to link your account with your local Little League.**

#### **2. Complete Abuse Awareness for Adults course\***

- Click EDUCATION
- Select COURSES
- Click “Abuse Awareness for Adults” → “+Enroll” → “Go to Course”
- Complete the course

\*If you have completed the Abuse Awareness for Adults course in the past and need an updated certificate, please select the Restart Course button.

- Click your name in the top right corner and select MY ACCOUNT
- Select COURSES
- Scroll to the Abuse Awareness for Adults course and click RESTART COURSE

#### **3. Download Certificate**

- Click your name in the top right corner and select MY ACCOUNT
- Select COURSES
- Scroll to the Abuse Awareness for Adults course and click DOWNLOAD CERTIFICATE

## League Training Dates and Times

<b>Requirement 6:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Coach Fundamental Training:</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD

<b>Requirement 7:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Safety Manual &amp; First-Aid Training:</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD

<b>Requirement 8:</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>CPR Training (at least 1 coach/team):</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD

*Each team will receive a paper copy of this safety manual. Managers and or Team Safety Officers should have a copy of the safety manual at all league functions.*

# Medical Release Form

- All Players are required to have Medical Release Form
- Bring these forms to every practice and game
- Make sure emergency contact information is filled out
- Be aware of any allergies or other conditions
- It's always a good idea to know who



## Little League, Baseball and Softball MEDICAL RELEASE



NOTE: To be carried by any Regular Season or Tournament Team Manager together with team roster or International Tournament affidavit.

Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (M/F): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent (s)/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent (s)/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player's Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT OR GUARDIAN AUTHORIZATION:**

In case of emergency, if family physician cannot be reached, I hereby authorize my child to be treated by Certified Emergency Personnel. (i.e. EMT, First Responder, E.R. Physician)

Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Hospital Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Group ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

League Insurance Co: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No.: \_\_\_\_\_ League/Group ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

If parent(s)/guardian cannot be reached in case of emergency, contact:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Player \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Player \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any allergies/medical problems, including those requiring maintenance medication. (i.e. Diabetic, Asthma, Seizure Disorder)

Medical Diagnosis	Medication	Dosage	Frequency of Dosage

Date of last Tetanus Toxoid Booster: \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of the above listed information is to ensure that medical personnel have details of any medical problem which may interfere with or alter treatment.

Mr./Mrs./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**FOR LEAGUE USE ONLY:**

League Name: \_\_\_\_\_ League ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

WARNING: PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT CANNOT PREVENT ALL INJURIES A PLAYER MIGHT RECEIVE WHILE PARTICIPATING IN BASEBALL/SOFTBALL. Little League does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, gender, sexual preference or religious preference.

## Field Inspections and Storage Procedures

### Requirement 9:

#### BEFORE THE SEASON STARTS

- ✓ Familiarize yourself with the safety materials.
- ✓ Appoint a Safety Parent for your team. They need to be at all the games and have a cellular phone. It can be an Assistant Coach.

#### PRIOR TO EACH GAME

- ✓ Complete a field safety checklist. Report any problems to your Commissioner. Or to the League Safety Officer.
- ✓ Check the team equipment for any problems. Report any equipment problems to the Equipment Manager.
- ✓ Check the contents in your team's first aid kit. Contact the League Safety Officer for any items that need to be replaced.

#### STORAGE SHED

The following applies to the entire storage shed used by the League and applies to anyone who has been issued a key to use those sheds.

- ✓ All individuals are aware of their responsibility for the orderly and safe storage of rakes, shovels, and bases.
- ✓ Before you use any equipment located in the shed (lights, scoreboards, etc.) please read the written operating procedures for that equipment.
- ✓ All chemicals or organic materials stored in the sheds shall be properly marked and labeled as to its contents.
- ✓ Any witnessed "loose" chemicals or organic materials within these sheds should be cleaned up and disposed of as soon as possible to prevent accidental poisoning.

## PRE-GAME FIELD INSPECTION CHECK LIST

**MANAGERS NAME:**

**FIELD:**

**DATE:**

**Time:**

<b>Field Condition</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Catchers Equipment</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Backstop Intact			Hockey Catchers Helmet		
Home Plate Intact			Dangling Throat Guard		
Bases Secure			Helmets		
Pitcher's Mound Safe			Catcher's Mitt		
Batter Box Lined/Level			Chest Protector		
Infield Fence Repair			Shin guards		
Outfield Fence Repair			<b>Dugouts</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Foul Lines Marked			Fencing Needs Repair		
Infield Need Repairs			Bench Needs Repair		
Outfield Need Repairs			Trash Cans		
Warning Track			Clean Up Is Needed		
Coaches boxes Lined					
Free Of Foreign Objects			<b>Spectator Area</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Grass Surface Even			Bleachers Need Repair		
			Protective Screens Ok		
<b>Player Equipment</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	Bleachers Clean		
Batting Helmets			Parking Area Safe		
Jewelry Removed			<b>Safety Equipment</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>

Shoes/Bats Inspected			First-aid Kit Each Team		
Face Mask (Minor/Mjrs)			Medical Release Forms		
Proper Cleats			Ice Pack/Ice		
Athletic Cups (boys)			Safety Manual		
Full Uniform			Injury Report Forms		
Bats Meet Standards			Drinking Water		

**REPORT ANY PROBLEMS TO YOUR COMMISSIONER OR SAFETY OFFICER.  
Turn this form into the concession stand or to your division representative.**

**Requirement 10:**

Annual Little League Facility Survey will be submitted in the Data Center.

## Concession Stand Guidelines

**Requirement 11:**

**Every worker must be instructed on these guidelines before they can work.**

**Wash your hands regularly:**

- Use soap and warm water.
- Rub your hands vigorously as you wash them.
- Wash all surfaces including the backs of hands, wrists, between fingers and under fingernails.
- Rinse hands well.
- Dry hands well.
- Dry hands with paper towels.
- Turn off water using a paper towel, instead of your bare hands.

**Wash your hands in this fashion before you begin work and especially after performing any of these activities:**

- After touching bare human body parts other than clean hands and clean exposed portions of arms.
- After using restrooms.
- After caring for or handling animals.
- After coughing, sneezing, using a handkerchief or disposable tissue.
- After touching soiled surfaces.
- After drinking, using tobacco, or eating.
- During food preparation.

- When switching from raw to ready to eat foods.
- After engaging in activities that contaminate hands.

### **Basic Rules:**

1. Menu... smaller is better. No salads cut up fruit or vegetables, no food prepared at home.
2. Cook food thoroughly. Use a meat thermometer. Keep hotdogs and burgers at 41 degrees when cold and cook to 155 degrees or above when hot.
3. Rapidly reheat foods to 165 degrees. Slow cooking devices may activate bacteria and never reach killing temperatures.
4. All foods that require refrigeration must be cooled to 41 degrees F. as quickly as possible and held there until ready to use. To cool foods quickly, use the ice water bath (60% ice and 40% water), stirring the product frequently, or place their food in shallow pans no more than 4 inches in depth and refrigerate. Pans should not be stored one a top of the other and lids should be off or afar until the food is completely cooled. Check the temperature periodically to see if the food is cooling properly. **DO NOT LEAVE FOOD OUT AT ALL!!**
5. **FREQUENT AND THOROUGH HANDWASHING IS REQUIRED.**
6. Only healthy people should prepare and serve food. Anyone with any symptoms of disease (cramps, nausea, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, cough etc.) or who has open sores or infected cuts on the hands should not be allowed in the food concession area. Workers' clothes should be clean, and they should not smoke in the concession area. Hair restraints are recommended.
7. Food handling: Avoid hand contact with raw food, ready-to-eat foods and food contact surfaces. Use a utensil and/or glove.
8. Use disposable utensils for food service. Keep your hands away from food contact surfaces and never reuse disposable dishware. Ideally utensils should be washed in a four-step method: (1) Hot soapy water, (2) Rinsing in clean water, (3) Chemical or heat sanitizing, (4) Air drying.
9. Ice that is used to cool cans/bottles should not be used in cup beverages. And should be stored separately. Use scoop to dispense ice, never use hands.
10. Wiping cloths should be rinsed and stored in a bucket sanitizer. (1-gallon water and ½ tsp. chlorine bleach. Change the solution every 2 hours.
11. Insect control and waste. Keep foods covered to protect from insects. Store pesticides away from food. Place garbage and paper waste in a refuse container with a lid that fits tightly. Dispose of all water in the restrooms, do not pour outside. All water that is used should be potable from and approved source.
12. Keep food stored off the floor at least 6 inches. After your event is finished, clean the concession area and discard any unusable food. Do not save food for reheating.

### **THE TOP SIX CAUSES FOR ILLNESS**

1. Inadequate cooling and cold holding.
2. Preparing food too far in advance of service.
3. Poor personal hygiene and infected personnel.
4. Inadequate reheating.
5. Inadequate hot holding.
6. Contaminated raw foods and ingredients.





# Concession Stand Tips

## SAFETY FIRST

### Requirement 9

12 Steps to Safe and Sanitary Food Service Events: The following information is intended to help you run a helpful concession stand. Following these simple guidelines will help minimize the risk of foodborne illness. This information was provided by District Administrator George Glick, and is excerpted from "Food Safety Hints" by the Fort Wayne-Allen County, Ind., Department of Health.

#### 1. Menu

Keep your menu simple, and keep potentially hazardous foods (meats, eggs, dairy products, protein salads, cut fruits and vegetables, etc.) to a minimum. Avoid using precooked foods or leftovers. Use only foods from approved sources, avoiding foods that have been prepared at home. Complete control over your food, from source to service, is the key to safe, sanitary food service.

#### 2. Cooking

Use a food thermometer to check on cooking and holding temperatures of potentially hazardous foods. All potentially hazardous foods should be kept at 41° F or below (if cold) or 140° F or above (if hot). Ground beef and ground pork products should be cooked to an internal temperature of 155° F, poultry parts should be cooked to 165° F. Most foodborne illnesses from temporary events can be traced back to lapses in temperature control.

#### 3. Reheating

Rapidly reheat potentially hazardous foods to 165° F. Do not attempt to heat foods in crock pots, steam tables, over sterno units or other holding devices.

Slow-cooking mechanisms may activate bacteria and never reach killing temperatures.

#### 4. Cooling and Cold Storage

Foods that require refrigeration must be cooled to 41° F as quickly as possible and held at that temperature until ready to serve. To cool foods down quickly, use an ice water bath (60% ice to 40% water), stirring the product frequently, or place the food in shallow pans no more than 4 inches in depth and refrigerate. Pans should not be stored one atop the other and lids should be off or ajar until the food is completely cooled. Check temperature periodically to see if the food is cooling properly. Allowing hazardous foods to remain unrefrigerated for too long has been the number ONE cause of foodborne illness.

#### 5. Hand Washing

Frequent and thorough hand washing remains the first line of defense in preventing foodborne disease. The use of disposable gloves can provide an additional barrier to contamination, but they are no substitute for hand washing!

#### 6. Health and Hygiene

Only healthy workers should prepare and serve food. Anyone who shows symptoms of disease (cramps, nausea, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice, etc.) or who has open sores or infected cuts on the hands should not be allowed in the food concession area. Workers should wear clean outer garments and should not smoke in the concession area. The use of hair restraints is recommended to prevent hair ending up in food products.

#### 7. Food Handling

Avoid hand contact with raw, ready-to-eat foods and food contact surfaces. Use an acceptable dispensing utensil

to serve food. Touching food with bare hands can transfer germs to food.

#### 8. Dishwashing

Use disposable utensils for food service. Keep your hands away from food contact surfaces, and never reuse disposable dishware. Wash in a four-step process:

1. Washing in hot soapy water,
2. Rinsing in clean water,
3. Chemical or heat sanitizing, and
4. Air drying.

#### 9. Ice

Ice used to cool cans/bottles should not be used in cup beverages and should be stored separately. Use a scoop to dispense ice; never use the hands. Ice can become contaminated with bacteria and viruses and cause foodborne illness.

#### 10. Wiping Cloths

Rinse and store your wiping cloths in a bucket of sanitizer (example: 1 gallon of water and 1/2 teaspoon of chlorine bleach). Change the solution every two hours. Well sanitized work surfaces prevent cross-contamination and discourage flies.

#### 11. Insect Control and Waste

Keep foods covered to protect them from insects. Store pesticides away from foods. Place garbage and paper wastes in a refuse container with a tight-fitting lid. Dispose of wastewater in an approved method (do not dump it outside). All water used should be potable water from an approved source.

#### 12. Food Storage and Cleanliness

Keep foods stored off the floor at least six inches. After your event is finished, clean the concession area and discard unusable food.

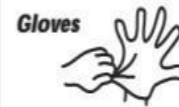
#### 13. Set a Minimum Worker Age

Leagues should set a minimum age for workers or to be in the stand; in many states this is 16 or 18, due to potential hazards with various equipment.

*Safety plans must be postmarked no later than May 1st.*

## Volunteers Must Wash Hands

### HOW



### WHEN

**Wash your hands before you prepare food or as often as needed.**

#### Wash after you:

- ▶ use the toilet
- ▶ touch uncooked meat, poultry, fish or eggs or other potentially hazardous foods
- ▶ interrupt working with food (such as answering the phone, opening a door or drawer)
- ▶ eat, smoke or chew gum
- ▶ touch soiled plates, utensils or equipment
- ▶ take out trash
- ▶ touch your nose, mouth, or any part of your body
- ▶ sneeze or cough

**Do not touch ready-to-eat foods with your bare hands.**

Use gloves, tongs, deli tissue or other serving utensils. Remove all jewelry, nail polish or false nails unless you wear gloves.

#### Wear gloves.

when you have a cut or sore on your hand when you can't remove your jewelry

#### If you wear gloves:

- ▶ wash your hands before you put on new gloves

#### Change them:

- ▶ as often as you wash your hands
- ▶ when they are torn or soiled

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# Inspection of Equipment

## Requirement 12:

- This Little League requires regular inspection of playing equipment.
- Unsafe equipment should not be given in team equipment bags.
- Manager's Coaches and Umpires are required to inspect equipment prior to each use.
- Bad equipment will be logged and will be removed and destroyed.

### AT EACH GAME AND PRACTICE PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

1. Walk the field and check for debris/foreign objects
2. Inspect helmets, bats, catcher's gear
3. Make sure First Aid Kit is available.
4. Check conditions of fences, backstops, bases and warning track
5. Make sure a working telephone is available
6. Have the players warm-up

# Accident Reporting Procedure

## Requirement 13:

**What to Report:** An incident that causes a Player, Manager, Coach or Umpire to receive medical treatment or first aid must be reported to The Safety Officer.

**When to Report:** All such incidents described above must be reported to the Safety Officer(s) within 24 to 48 hours of the incident.

### **Safety Officers:**

president@sjnll.org

safety@sjnll.org

**How to Make a Report:** Reporting incidents can come in a variety of forms. Most typically they are telephone conversations. At a minimum, the following information is needed.

1. The name and address of the injured person.
2. The date, time, and location of the incident.
3. As detailed of a description of the incident as possible.
4. The preliminary estimation of the extent of the injury.
5. The name and phone number of the person making the report.
6. Names and phone number of any witnesses.

In your safety packet you will find the injury report forms. If your Safety Parent is there, he/she can assist you in getting the front of the form filled out. Then a call is to be made to The Safety Officer reporting the incident within 48 hours. Little League insurance is a supplemental insurance to the insured's own insurance. There is a small deductible.

**How to Replace the Injury Report Forms:** The forms can be replaced by the Safety Officer or downloaded from [www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org) found under forms and publications.

## FIRST AID KITS

### **Requirement 14:**

Each team is provided with a league issued first aid kit, there will be one in all Snack Shacks (with additional ice packs), there is one at each field inside the locked equipment box.

Each kit includes the following.

- (10) Adhesive sterile bandage
- (2) Extra-large adhesive sterile bandage
- (2) Non-adherent pads 2 x 3
- (2) Gauze pad 12-ply 3 x 3 sterile
- (1) Adhesive tape
- (2) Instant cold compress 4 x 4
- (3) Triple antibiotic ointment
- (3) Antiseptic towelette
- 1/8 oz. Burn Cream
- (3) Sting relief wipes
- (1) Tweezers

*\*Inform the Safety Officer when stock is getting low*

*\*Make sure to bring bagged ice to each practice/game (possibly assign to the parent that brings the snacks)*

### General First Aid

- Common types of sports injuries
  - Ankle sprains
  - abrasions
  - cuts
  - muscle fatigue, strain
- What to do
  - R.I.C.E. (Rest, Ice, Compression, Elevate)
- What not to do

-Icy hot cream, etc

- Major Injuries

-Broken Bones, Concussions, etc

- What to do

- when in doubt, have the player see a doctor

-If a player is seen by a doctor, he/she will need doctor's release to return to play

-Doctor's note will need to be filed with D59 accompanied with Incident/Injury Tracking Form

- How to report

-Report injuries to League President- JD Fangonilo (408-420-9845)

- [www.ell-baseball.com](http://www.ell-baseball.com) (anyone can report!)

-report within 24 hours

-2 forms:

1. Incident/Injury Tracking (if first aid is used)

2. Accident Notification (insurance claim form)- [www.ell-baseball.com](http://www.ell-baseball.com) under "Safety Information"

Incident/Injury Tracking Report

**Activities/Reporting**

**A Safety Awareness Program's  
Incident/Injury Tracking Report**

League Name: \_\_\_\_\_ League ID: \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Incident Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Field Name/Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Incident Time: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Injured Person's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex:  Male  Female  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's Name (If Player): \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents' Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

**Incident occurred while participating in:**

- A.)  Baseball  Softball  Challenger  TAD  
 B.)  Challenger  T-Ball (5-8)  Minor (7-12)  Major (9-12)  Junior (13-15)  
 Senior (14-16)  Big League (16-18)  
 C.)  Tryout  Practice  Game  Tournament  Special Event  
 Travel to  Travel from  Other (Describe): \_\_\_\_\_

**Position/Role of person(s) involved in incident:**

- D.)  Batter  Baserunner  Pitcher  Catcher  First Base  Second  
 Third  Short Stop  Left Field  Center Field  Right Field  Dugout  
 Umpire  Coach/Manager  Spectator  Volunteer  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Injury: \_\_\_\_\_

Was first aid required?  Yes  No If yes, what: \_\_\_\_\_

Was professional medical treatment required?  Yes  No If yes, what: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (If yes, the player must present a non-restrictive medical release prior to being allowed in a game or practice.)

**Type of Incident and location:**

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| A.) On Primary Playing Field   | B.) Adjacent to Playing Field               | D.) Off Ball Field   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Base Path: <input type="checkbox"/> Running or <input type="checkbox"/> Sliding                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Seating Area       | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel:                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hit by Ball: <input type="checkbox"/> Pitched or <input type="checkbox"/> Thrown or <input type="checkbox"/> Batted | <input type="checkbox"/> Parking Area       | <input type="checkbox"/> Car or <input type="checkbox"/> Bike or |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collision with: <input type="checkbox"/> Player or <input type="checkbox"/> Structure                               | C.) Concession Area                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Walking                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Grounds Defect  | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Worker   | <input type="checkbox"/> League Activity                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  | <input type="checkbox"/> Customer/Bystander | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                            |

Please give a short description of incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Could this accident have been avoided? How: \_\_\_\_\_

This form is for Little League purposes only, to report safety hazards, unsafe practices and/or to contribute positive ideas in order to improve league safety. When an accident occurs, obtain as much information as possible. For all claims or injuries which could become claims, please fill out and turn in the official Little League Baseball Accident Notification Form available from your league president and send to Little League Headquarters in Williamsport (Attention: Dan Kirby, Risk Management Department). Also, provide your District Safety Officer with a copy for District files. All personal injuries should be reported to Williamsport as soon as possible.

Prepared By/Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Keep track of injuries and look for patterns and ways to improve safe practices.

**Insurance Claim Form**



**LITTLE LEAGUE, BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL  
ACCIDENT NOTIFICATION FORM  
INSTRUCTIONS**

Send Completed Form To:  
Little League, International  
539 US Route 15 Hwy, PO Box 3485  
Williamsport, PA 17701-0485  
Accident Claim Contact Numbers:  
Phone: 570-327-1674 Fax: 570-326-9280

- Accident & Health (U.S.)
- This form must be completed by parents (if claimant is under 19 years of age) and a league official and forwarded to Little League Headquarters within 30 days after the accident. A photocopy of this form should be made and kept by the claimant/parent. Initial medical/dental treatment must be rendered within 30 days of the Little League accident.
  - Itemized bills including description of service, date of service, procedure and diagnosis codes for medical services/supplies and/or other documentation related to claim for benefits are to be provided within 90 days after the accident date. In no event shall such proof be furnished later than 12 months from the date the medical expense was incurred.
  - When other insurance is present, parents or claimant must forward copies of the Explanation of Benefits or Notice/Letter of Denial for each charge directly to Little League Headquarters, even if the charges do not exceed the deductible of the primary insurance program.
  - Policy provides benefits for eligible medical expenses incurred within 52 weeks of the accident, subject to Excess Coverage and Exclusion provisions of the plan.
  - Limited deferred medical/dental benefits may be available for necessary treatment incurred after 52 weeks. Refer to insurance brochure provided to the league president, or contact Little League Headquarters within the year of injury.
  - Accident Claim Form must be fully completed - including Social Security Number (SSN) - for processing.

League Name		League I.D.	
Name of Injured Person/Claimant	SSN	DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)	Age Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Name of Parent/Guardian, if Claimant is a Minor	Home Phone (inc. Area Code)	Bus. Phone (inc. Area Code)	
Address of Claimant	Address of Parent/Guardian, if different		

The Little League Master Accident Policy provides benefits in excess of benefits from other insurance programs subject to a \$50 deductible per injury. "Other insurance programs" include family's personal insurance, student insurance through a school or insurance through an employer for employees and family members. Please CHECK the appropriate boxes below. If YES, follow instruction 3 above.

Does the insured Person/Parent/Guardian have any insurance through:

Employer Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	School Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Individual Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Dental Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Date of Accident: \_\_\_\_\_ Time of Accident: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Injury: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe exactly how accident happened, including playing position at the time of accident:

Check all applicable responses in each column:

<input type="checkbox"/> BASEBALL	<input type="checkbox"/> CHALLENGER (4-14)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLAYER	<input type="checkbox"/> TRYOUTS	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL EVENT
<input type="checkbox"/> SOFTBALL	<input type="checkbox"/> T-BALL (4-7)	<input type="checkbox"/> MANAGER, COACH	<input type="checkbox"/> PRACTICE	<input type="checkbox"/> (NOT GAMES)
<input type="checkbox"/> CHALLENGER	<input type="checkbox"/> MINOR (8-12)	<input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER UMPIRE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED GAME	<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL GAME(S)
<input type="checkbox"/> TAD (2ND SEASON)	<input type="checkbox"/> LITTLE LEAGUE (9-12)	<input type="checkbox"/> PLAYER AGENT	<input type="checkbox"/> TRAVEL TO	(Submit a copy of your approval from Little League Incorporated)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INTERMEDIATE (10/11-13)	<input type="checkbox"/> OFFICIAL SCOREKEEPER	<input type="checkbox"/> TRAVEL FROM	
	<input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR (12-14)	<input type="checkbox"/> SAFETY OFFICER	<input type="checkbox"/> TOURNAMENT	
	<input type="checkbox"/> SENIOR (15-18)	<input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER WORKER	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (Describe)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> BIG (14-18)			

I hereby certify that I have read the answers to all parts of this form and to the best of my knowledge and belief the information contained is complete and correct as herein given.

I understand that it is a crime for any person to intentionally attempt to defraud or knowingly facilitate a fraud against an insurer by submitting an application or filing a claim containing a false or deceptive statement(s). See Remarks section on reverse side of form.

I hereby authorize any physician, hospital or other medically related facility, insurance company or other organization, institution or person that has any records or knowledge of me, and/or the above named claimant, or our health, to disclose, whenever requested to do so by Little League and/or National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa. A photostatic copy of this authorization shall be considered as effective and valid as the original.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Claimant/Parent/Guardian Signature (in a two parent household, both parents must sign this form.)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Claimant/Parent/Guardian Signature

**For Residents of California:**  
Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

**For Residents of New York:**  
Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

**For Residents of Pennsylvania:**  
Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

**For Residents of All Other States:**  
Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

**PART 2 - LEAGUE STATEMENT (Other than Parent or Claimant)**

Name of League	Name of Injured Person/Claimant	League I.D. Number
Name of League Official	Position in League	
Address of League Official	Telephone Numbers (inc. Area Codes) Residence: ( ) Business: ( ) Fax: ( )	

Were you a witness to the accident?  Yes  No  
Provide names and addresses of any known witnesses to the reported accident.

Check the boxes for all appropriate items below. At least one item in each column must be selected.

POSITION WHEN INJURED	INJURY	PART OF BODY	CAUSE OF INJURY
<input type="checkbox"/> 01 1ST	<input type="checkbox"/> 01 ABRASION	<input type="checkbox"/> 01 ABDOMEN	<input type="checkbox"/> 01 BATTED BALL
<input type="checkbox"/> 02 2ND	<input type="checkbox"/> 02 BITES	<input type="checkbox"/> 02 ANKLE	<input type="checkbox"/> 02 BATTING
<input type="checkbox"/> 03 3RD	<input type="checkbox"/> 03 CONCUSSION	<input type="checkbox"/> 03 ARM	<input type="checkbox"/> 03 CATCHING
<input type="checkbox"/> 04 BATTER	<input type="checkbox"/> 04 CONTUSION	<input type="checkbox"/> 04 BACK	<input type="checkbox"/> 04 COLLIDING
<input type="checkbox"/> 05 BENCH	<input type="checkbox"/> 05 DENTAL	<input type="checkbox"/> 05 CHEST	<input type="checkbox"/> 05 COLLIDING WITH FENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 06 BULLPEN	<input type="checkbox"/> 06 DISLOCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> 06 EAR	<input type="checkbox"/> 06 FALLING
<input type="checkbox"/> 07 CATCHER	<input type="checkbox"/> 07 DISMEMBERMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 07 ELBOW	<input type="checkbox"/> 07 HIT BY BAT
<input type="checkbox"/> 08 COACH	<input type="checkbox"/> 08 EPIPHYSES	<input type="checkbox"/> 08 EYE	<input type="checkbox"/> 08 HORSEPLAY
<input type="checkbox"/> 09 COACHING BOX	<input type="checkbox"/> 09 FATALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 09 FACE	<input type="checkbox"/> 09 PITCHED BALL
<input type="checkbox"/> 10 DUGOUT	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 FRACTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 FATALITY	<input type="checkbox"/> 10 RUNNING
<input type="checkbox"/> 11 MANAGER	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 HEMATOMA	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 FOOT	<input type="checkbox"/> 11 SHARP OBJECT
<input type="checkbox"/> 12 ON DECK	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 HEMORRHAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 HAND	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 SLIDING
<input type="checkbox"/> 13 OUTFIELD	<input type="checkbox"/> 13 LACERATION	<input type="checkbox"/> 13 HEAD	<input type="checkbox"/> 13 TAGGING
<input type="checkbox"/> 14 PITCHER	<input type="checkbox"/> 14 PUNCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> 14 HIP	<input type="checkbox"/> 14 THROWING
<input type="checkbox"/> 15 RUNNER	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 RUPTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 KNEE	<input type="checkbox"/> 15 THROWN BALL
<input type="checkbox"/> 16 SCOREKEEPER	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 SPRAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 LEG	<input type="checkbox"/> 16 OTHER
<input type="checkbox"/> 17 SHORTSTOP	<input type="checkbox"/> 17 STROKE	<input type="checkbox"/> 17 LIP	<input type="checkbox"/> 17 UNKNOWN
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 TOP-FROM GAME	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 MOUTH	
<input type="checkbox"/> 19 UMPIRE	<input type="checkbox"/> 19 UNKNOWN	<input type="checkbox"/> 19 NECK	
<input type="checkbox"/> 20 OTHER	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 PARALYSIS/ PARAPLEGIC	<input type="checkbox"/> 20 NOSE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 21 UNKNOWN		<input type="checkbox"/> 21 SHOULDER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 22 WARMING UP		<input type="checkbox"/> 22 SIDE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 23 TEETH	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 24 TESTICLE	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 25 WRIST	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 26 UNKNOWN	
		<input type="checkbox"/> 27 FINGER	

Does your league use batting helmets with attached face guards?  YES  NO  
If YES, are they  Mandatory or  Optional. At what levels are they used?

I hereby certify that the above named claimant was injured while covered by the Little League Baseball Accident Insurance Policy at the time of the reported accident. I also certify that the information contained in the Claimant's Notification is true and correct as stated, to the best of my knowledge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ League Official Signature

*\*Only use when filing insurance claim*

# Concussions

All 50 states have laws specific to the management of concussions and head injuries. Some states require not

just leagues but DA's, ADA's, and umpires to undergo annual training.

- Some states may affect only school-based activities, but many also address group using school facilities or grounds for athletic purposes.
- Little League has developed a concussion overview page for each state that will be similar to the Child Abuse page.
- The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) website is a great tool for leagues to encourage their managers/coaches, parents, and players to review concussion information • [www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/youth.html](http://www.cdc.gov/concussion/HeadsUp/youth.html) Concussions
- DA's must also be aware of their state's respective laws, especially during any Special Games events or International Tournament games being hosted by the District.
- Failure to adhere to these laws could expose the District and/or host to unwanted liability and penalties • Some states require that the participant and a parent/guardian must sign and acknowledge that they understand the risks of concussions before they can participate
- The majority of states also require immediate removal from competition if a person has sustained a concussion and that they cannot return until being released in writing by a medical professional.

[www.cdc.gov/headsup](http://www.cdc.gov/headsup)

## CONCUSSION Information Sheet

This sheet has information to help protect your children or teens from concussion or other serious brain injury. Use this information at your children's or teens' games and practices to learn how to spot a concussion and what to do if a concussion occurs.

**What Is a Concussion?**

A concussion is a type of traumatic brain injury—or TBI—caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or by a hit to the body that causes the head and brain to move quickly back and forth. This fast movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in the brain and sometimes stretching and damaging the brain cells.

**How Can I Help Keep My Children or Teens Safe?**

Sports are a great way for children and teens to stay healthy and can help them do well in school. To help lower your children's or teens' chances of getting a concussion or other serious brain injury, you should:

- Help create a culture of safety for the team.
- Work with their coach to teach ways to lower the chances of getting a concussion.
- Talk with your children or teens about concussion and ask if they have concerns about reporting a concussion. Talk with them about their concerns, emphasize the importance of reporting concussions and taking time to recover from one.
- Ensure that they follow their coach's rules for safety and the rules of the sport.
- Tell your children or teens that you expect them to practice good sportsmanship at all times.
- When appropriate for the sport or activity, teach your children or teens that they must wear a helmet to lower the chances of the most serious types of brain or head injury. However, there is no "concussion-proof" helmet. So, even with a helmet, it is important for children and teens to avoid hits to the head.

**Talk with your children and teens about concussion.** Tell them to report their concussion symptoms to you and their coach right away. Some children and teens think concussions aren't serious or worry that if they report a concussion they will lose their position on the team or look weak. Be sure to remind them that it's better to miss one game than the whole season.

To learn more, go to [www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP](http://www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP)

**Concussions affect each child and teen differently.** While most children and teens with a concussion feel better within a couple of weeks, some will have symptoms for months or longer. Talk with your children's or teens' health care provider if their concussion symptoms do not go away or if they get worse after they return to their regular activities.

**What Are Some More Serious Danger Signs to Look Out For?**

In rare cases, a dangerous collection of blood (hematoma) may form on the brain after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body and can squeeze the brain against the skull. Call 9-1-1 or take your child or teen to the emergency department right away if, after a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body, he or she has one or more of these danger signs:

- One pupil larger than the other.
- Drowsiness or inability to wake up.
- A headache that gets worse and does not go away.
- Slurred speech, weakness, numbness, or decreased coordination.
- Repeated vomiting or nausea, convulsions or seizures (shaking or twitching).
- Unusual behavior, increased confusion, restlessness, or agitation.
- Loss of consciousness (passed out/knocked out). Even a brief loss of consciousness should be taken seriously.

**Children and teens who continue to play while having concussion symptoms or who return to play too soon—while the brain is still healing—have a greater chance of getting another concussion. A repeat concussion that occurs while the brain is still healing from the first injury can be very serious and can affect a child or teen for a lifetime. It can even be fatal.**

**What Should I Do If My Child or Teen Has a Possible Concussion?**

As a parent, if you think your child or teen may have a concussion, you should:

1. Remove your child or teen from play.
2. Keep your child or teen out of play the day of the injury. Your child or teen should be seen by a health care provider and only return to play with permission from a health care provider who is experienced in evaluating for concussion.
3. Ask your child's or teen's health care provider for written instructions on helping your child or teen return to school. You can give the instructions to your child's or teen's school nurse and teacher(s) and return-to-play instructions to the coach and/or athletic trainer.

Do not try to judge the severity of the injury yourself. Only a health care provider should assess a child or teen for a possible concussion. Concussion signs and symptoms often show up soon after the injury. But you may not know how serious the concussion is at first, and some symptoms may not show up for hours or days. The brain needs time to heal after a concussion. A child's or teen's return to school and sports should be a gradual process that is carefully managed and monitored by a health care provider.

**To learn more, go to [www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP](http://www.cdc.gov/HEADSUP)**

You can also download the CDC HEADS UP app to get concussion information at your fingertips. Just scan the QR code pictured at left with your smartphone.

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**Discuss the risks of concussion and other serious brain injury with your child or teen and have each person sign below.**

Detach the section below and keep this information sheet to use at your children's or teens' games and practices to help protect them from concussion or other serious brain injury.

I learned about concussion and talked with my parent or coach about what to do if I have a concussion or other serious brain injury.

Athlete Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read this fact sheet for parents on concussion with my child or teen and talked about what to do if they have a concussion or other serious brain injury.

Parent or Legal Guardian Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## **San Jose National Little League Concussion Prevention, Treatment and Management Policy**

The Legislature enacted a law which requires youth sports organizations to adopt a policy concerning the prevention and treatment of injuries to the head which may occur during a youth's participation in competitive sports, including, without limitation, a concussion of the brain.

A concussion is a brain injury that results from a bump, blow or jolt to the head or body which causes the brain to move rapidly in the skull and which disrupts normal brain function. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the United States Department of Health and Human Services estimates that as many as 3.8 million concussions occur each year in the United States which are related to participation in sports and other recreational activities. Athletes who continue to participate in an athletic activity while suffering from a concussion or suffering from the symptoms of an injury to the head are at greater risk for catastrophic injury to the brain or even death. Ensuring that a Little League player who sustains or is suspected of sustaining a concussion or other injury to the head receives appropriate medical care before returning to baseball activity will significantly reduce the child's risk of sustaining greater injury in the future.

THEREFORE, **San Jose National Little League** hereby adopts the following policy for purposes of prevention, treatment, and management of injuries to the head that may occur during a player's participation in the Little League program, including, without limitation, a concussion of the brain:

1. Prior to a team's first practice each season, every manager, coach, and adult assistant shall:

a) Familiarize themselves with the CDC publication "Heads Up – Concussion in Youth Sports – A Fact Sheet for Coaches". This publication will be provided to all such individuals by the League Safety Officer or other Board members; and,

b) Complete the CDC on-line training course at:

<https://www.train.org/cdctrain/course/1089818/>

A copy of the Certificate of Completion for each of the above individuals shall be submitted to the League Safety Officer.

2. If a Little League player sustains, or is suspected of sustaining, an injury to the head while participating in any Little League game or even the player must:

a. Be immediately removed from the game or event; and

b. May only return to Little League activity if the parent or legal guardian of the player provides a signed statement from a provider of health care indicating that the youth is medically cleared for Little League participation and the date on which the player may return to participation.

3. The Little League player and his or her parent or legal guardian must sign the statement below acknowledging that they have read and understand the terms and conditions of the policy and agree to be bound by the policy.

**San Jose National Little League Concussion Prevention, Management and Treatment Policy**

# Collisions



## Avoid Collisions on the Field

*Whether between teammates or opposing players, baseball and softball are not contact sports. Make sure everyone understands who should make the play, and who should make way, to avoid collisions between players.*

### Call the Ball

Defensive players should be trained early to "call the ball" when going for a catch. Don't have two players collide because neither knew the other was trying to make the play. Fielders should be taught which player has priority for fly balls on the various areas of the field, unless called off by another player (i.e., on the third base side of the diamond, the shortstop has priority for fly balls, while on the first base side, the second baseman has priority, and outfielders generally should give ground to the center fielder).

### Don't Obstruct Base Paths for Runners or Interfere with Fielders

Base runners and fielders: Only a player with the ball, or making a play on a batted ball should be in the base paths. Avoid injuries on the base paths by making it clear to offensive players that runners must slide or avoid a fielder **with the ball** and avoid a fielder making a play on a batted ball. For defensive players, tell them that fielders **without the ball** must vacate the base paths for runners.

**Rule 7.08:** "Any runner is out when – (a)(3) the runner does not slide or attempt to get around a fielder who has the ball and is waiting to make the tag; . . . (b) intentionally interferes with a thrown ball; or hinders a fielder attempting to make a play on a batted ball (NOTE: A runner who is adjudged to have hindered a fielder who is attempting to make a play on a ball is out whether it was intentional or not)."

**Rule 7.09:** "It is interference by a batter or runner when – (f) the runner fails to avoid a fielder who is attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball . . ."

### 2.00 – Definition of Terms

**OBSTRUCTION** is the act of a fielder who, while not in possession of the ball, impedes the progress of any runner. A fake tag is considered obstruction. (NOTE: Obstruction shall be called on a defensive player who blocks off a base, base line or home plate from a base runner while not in possession of the ball.)

*A fielder without the ball should make way for the advancing base runner; a runner seeing a fielder with the ball must slide or avoid. Don't allow collisions on the base paths from overly-aggressive play.*

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- Call the Ball!
- Don't obstruct base paths for runners or interfere with fielders

## Bat Handling

Dugout and post in dugouts

# Don't Swing It

**...Until You're Up to the Plate!**



(Photos from North Scott, Iowa, Little League)

**Don't let this happen to you, or to a teammate.**

**REMEMBER:**  
**Don't pick up your bat until you leave the dugout, to approach the plate.**

**RULE 1.08, Notes**  
"1. The on-deck position is not permitted in Tee Ball, Minor League or Little League (Majors) Division. 2. Only the first batter of each half-inning will be allowed outside the dugout between the half-innings in Tee Ball, Minor League or Little League (Majors) Division."

- No practice swinging inside the dugout
- No on-deck circles in Majors and below

## Dugout Safety



- Keep dugout opening clear, no standing or sitting
- Players, coaches only in dugout

## Catcher Safety

- Catcher's Mitt Only
- Throat Protector Required
- Full set of gear the moment they squat down.



The diagram shows a catcher's helmet with a red and grey face mask. Below it is a grey throat protector with two vertical supports. An arrow points to the throat protector with the label "Dangling".

**Make  
Sure  
They  
Are  
Safe!**

**REMEMBER:**  
**Catchers must wear helmets during warm-ups and infield/outfield practice.**

**RULE 1.17**  
"...All catchers must wear a mask, 'dangling' type throat protector and catcher's helmet during infield/outfield practice, pitcher warm-up and games."

## All-Player Safety

- **No jewelry except Medical alerts**
- **Every players wears supporter/cup**
- **Use face shield/guard (required for Farm and under)**
- **Mouth guard encouraged**

- **Helmets for batter, runners, and player base coaches**
- **Majors & under-no metal spikes/cleats**
- **No horseplay-before, during or after game**

## **Asthma**

# Asthma Emergency Signs

## Seek Emergency Care If A Child Experiences Any Of The Following:

- + Child's wheezing or coughing does not improve after taking medicine (15-20 minutes for most asthma medications)
- + Child's chest or neck is pulling in while struggling to breathe
- + Child has trouble walking or talking
- + Child stops playing and cannot start again
- + Child's fingernails and/or lips turn blue or gray
- + Skin between child's ribs sucks in when breathing

Asthma is different for every person.

The "Asthma Emergency Signs" above represent general emergency situations as per the National Asthma Education and Prevention Program 1997 Expert Panel Report.

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If you are at all uncertain of what to do in case of a breathing emergency...

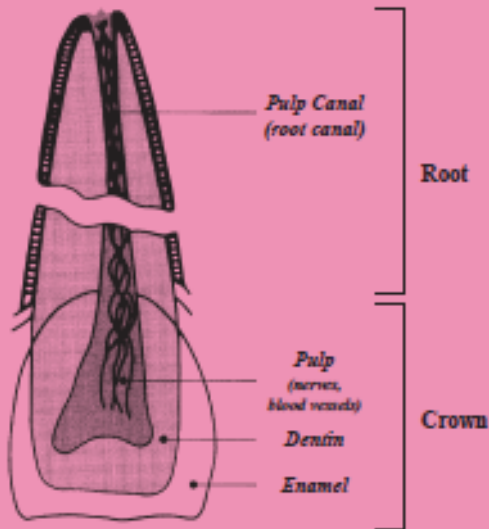
**Call 9-1-1 and the child's parent/guardian!**

Michigan Asthma Steering Committee of the Michigan Department of Community Health

(From the Grandville, Mich., Little League 2001 Safety Plan)

## Dental Injuries

## Emergency Treatment of Athletic Dental Injuries



*Professionally-made, properly fitted Custom Mouthguards greatly reduce the risk and severity of mouth injuries. Mouthguards are recommended injury prevention equipment for all at-risk sports.*

### AVULSION (Entire Tooth Knocked Out)

1. Avoid additional trauma to tooth while handling. **Do Not** handle tooth by the root. **Do Not** brush or scrub tooth. **Do Not** sterilize tooth.
2. If debris is on tooth, gently rinse with water.
3. If possible, reimplant and stabilize by biting down gently on a towel or handkerchief. Do only if athlete is alert and conscious.
4. If unable to reimplant:  
 Best - Place tooth in Hank's Balanced Saline Solution, i.e. "Save-a-tooth."  
 2nd best - Place tooth in milk. Cold whole milk is best, followed by cold 2% milk.  
 3rd best - Wrap tooth in saline-soaked gauze.  
 4th best - Place tooth under athlete's tongue. Do this **ONLY** if athlete is conscious and alert.  
 5th best - Place tooth in cup of water.
5. Time is very important. Reimplantation within 30 minutes has the highest degree of success rate. **TRANSPORT IMMEDIATELY TO DENTIST.**

### LUXATION (Tooth in Socket, But Wrong Position)

#### THREE POSITIONS

**EXTRUDED TOOTH** - Upper tooth hangs down and/or lower tooth raised up.

1. Reposition tooth in socket using firm finger pressure.
2. Stabilize tooth by gently biting on towel or handkerchief.
3. **TRANSPORT IMMEDIATELY TO DENTIST.**

**LATERAL DISPLACEMENT** - Tooth pushed back or pulled forward.

1. Try to reposition tooth using finger pressure.
2. Athlete may require local anesthetic to reposition tooth; if so, stabilize tooth by gently biting on towel or handkerchief.
3. **TRANSPORT IMMEDIATELY TO DENTIST.**

**INTRUDED TOOTH** - Tooth pushed into gum - looks short.

1. Do nothing - avoid any repositioning of tooth.
2. **TRANSPORT IMMEDIATELY TO DENTIST.**

### FRACTURE (Broken Tooth)

1. If tooth is totally broken in half, save the broken portion and bring to the dental office as described under Avulsion, Item 4. Stabilize portion of tooth left in mouth by gently biting on towel or handkerchief to control bleeding.
2. Should extreme pain occur, limit contact with other teeth, air or tongue. Pulp nerve may be exposed, which is extremely painful to athlete.
3. Save all fragments of fractured tooth as described under Avulsion, Item 4.
4. **IMMEDIATELY TRANSPORT PATIENT AND TOOTH FRAGMENTS TO DENTIST.**

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Chicago, IL 60611-1901

1800-273-1788  
1800-ASD-1788

The Academy for Sports Dentistry, a professional organization dedicated to the dental needs of athletes at risk to sports injuries, recommends that every sports medicine team include a dentist knowledgeable in sports dentistry.

**MOUTHGUARDS SHOULD NOT BE  
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT**

## Abuse Awareness Training



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The safety and well-being of all participants in the Little League® program continues to be paramount, and it is on all of us to do our part to provide a fun, memorable, and safe experience each year. **With the requirement of all volunteers to complete Abuse Awareness training each year**, we are proud to announce the launch of the new Little League Abuse Awareness Course.

This course, which serves as a replacement for the programs previously available through third-party organizations like USA Baseball, is custom to the Little League program and provides an easier learning experience for our volunteers. **Required to be completed by all volunteers each year**, this course is available as part of the training and education courses at [LittleLeague.org/Training](https://LittleLeague.org/Training), making signing up for the course even easier for our volunteers.

## Communicable Disease Procedures

1. Bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered, and the uniform changed if there is blood on it before the athlete may continue.
2. Routinely use gloves to prevent mucous membrane exposure when contact with blood or other body fluids is anticipated (Provided in the first aid kit).
3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated with blood.
4. Clean all blood contaminated surfaces and equipment.
5. Managers, Coaches, and Volunteers with open wounds should refrain from all direct contact until the condition is resolved.
6. Follow accepted guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and disposal when handling bloody dressings, mouth guards and other articles containing body fluids.

## **Enforcement of Little League Rules**

### **Requirement 15:**

- All volunteers must have a volunteer application filled out and on file with the Little League. Our league will provide annual background checks.
- No laminated bat shall be used... (rule 1.10)
- The traditional batting donut is not permissible... (rule 1.10)
- A pitcher shall not wear any items on his/her hands, wrists or arms which may be a distraction to the batter. White long sleeve shirts are not permitted... (rule 1.11)
- Pitcher shall not wear sweat bands on his/her wrists... (rule 1.15)
- Players must not wear jewelry... (rule 1.11)
- Catcher must wear a catcher's mitt... (rule 1.12)
- All batters must wear protective batting helmets, all helmets must bear the NOCAE stamp, No painting, or stickers on helmets... (rule 1.16)
- All male players must wear athletic supporters. Male catchers must wear the metal, fiber, or plastic type protective cup.
- Catching helmet must have the dangling type throat protector and catcher's helmet during infield/outfield practice, pitcher warm-up and games.
- Skull caps are not permitted... (rule 1.17)
- Each team is allowed three coaches in the dugout...
- Managers or coaches may not warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bull pen or elsewhere at any time... (rule 3.09)
- Coaches are encouraged to discourage "horseplay"
- No on deck batters are allowed in the Majors and below... (rule 1.08)

# Inclement Weather

*\*At the first sound of thunder or visible lightning-CLEAR THE FIELD!*

## **Consider the following facts:**

- The average lightning stroke is 6-8 miles long.
- The average thunderstorm is 6-10 miles wide and travels about 25 miles an hour.
- On the average, thunder can only be heard over 3-4 miles, depending on humidity, terrain, and other factors. This means that by the time you hear the thunder, you are already in the risk area for lightning strikes.

**Rule of Thumb:** The ultimate truth about lightning is that it is unpredictable and cannot be prevented. Therefore, a manager or coach who feels threatened should contact the head umpire and recommend stopping play and clearing the field. In our league the umpire makes the decision as to whether play is stopped. Once play is stopped, take the kids to safety until play resumes or game is called.

**Where to Go?** No place is safe from lightning threat, but some places are safer than others. Constructed buildings are usually the safest. Most people will find shelter in a fully enclosed metal vehicle with the windows rolled up. If you are stranded in an open area, put your feet together, crouch down and put your hands over your ears to prevent eardrum damage.

**Where not to go?** Avoid high places and open fields, isolated trees, unprotected gazebos, rain or picnic shelters, dugouts, flagpoles, light poles, bleachers, metal fences and water.

## **First Aid for a Lightning Victim:**

- Call 911 immediately.
- Typically, the lightning victim has similar symptoms as that of someone having a heart attack. Consider: will moving cause any more injury. If the victim is in a high-risk area, determine if movement is necessary. Lightning does strike twice in the same place. If you are not at risk, and moving is a viable option, you should move the victim.
- If the victim is not breathing, start mouth to mouth resuscitation. If it is decided to move the victim, give a few quick breaths prior to moving the victim.
- Determine if the victim has a pulse. If no pulse is detected, start cardiac compressions as well.

NOTE: CPR should only be administered by a person knowledgeable and trained in the technique.

*Remember: Safety is everyone's job. Prevention is the key to reducing accidents to a minimum. Report all hazardous conditions to the Safety Officer or another Board Member immediately. Do not play on an unsafe field or with unsafe equipment. Check the teams' equipment prior to each use.*

# Hydration

*Managers are required to bring water to each practice and game.  
Players are encouraged to bring bottled water or sports drinks.*

## Tips to Prevent Heat Illness:

- Know that once you are thirsty you are already dehydrated.
- Drink before you become thirsty.
- Drink plenty of liquids like water, or sports drinks every 15 minutes.
- Water seems to be the preferred beverage. Water has many critical functions in the body that are important for performance; they include, carrying oxygen and nutrients to exercising muscles.
- Do not drink beverages with caffeine before practice or games. Caffeine can increase the rate of dehydration.
- Do not exercise vigorously during the hottest time of the day.
- Practice in the morning and during the latter part of the evening.
- Wear light color loose clothes.
- Use sunscreen to prevent sunburn.
- If you begin to feel faint or dizzy, stop your activity and cool off by sitting in the shade, air-conditioned car or use a wet rag to cool you off.

## How is it treated?

Emergency medical treatment is necessary. If you think someone is suffering a heat stroke, call 911 or a doctor immediately. In the meantime, give first aid as follows:

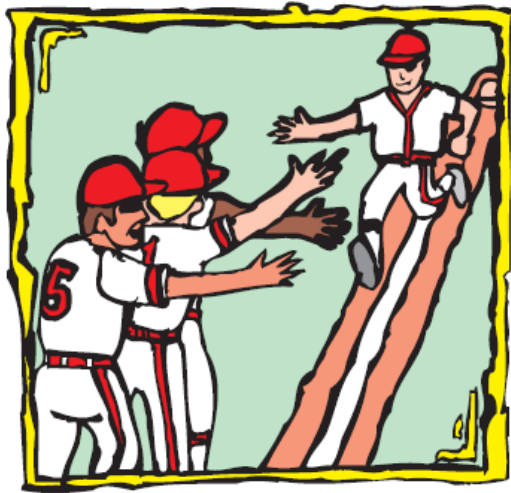
- Move the person to a shady area.
- Cover the person with a wet sheet and keep the sheet wet for cooling from evaporation.
- Fan the person with paper or an electric fan (preferably not cold air).
- Sponge down the body, especially the head, with cool water.
- Continue giving first aid until the body feels cool to the touch.
- If the person is conscious, let them sip water, electrolytes or fruit juice.



## Team Conduct

- ✓ Make sure to have 2 coaches at each game and practice
- ✓ No players are ever to be left alone after a practice or game
- ✓ Manager does not leave the field until every player is accounted for
- ✓ Encourage good sportsmanship on and off the field
- ✓ Use clean language
- ✓ No tobacco, vaping, and alcoholic beverages

# Keep It Clean!



**REMEMBER:**

**Use good sportsmanship on the field,  
even to your language.**

**Regulation XIV – Field Decorum**

- “The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach . . .”
- “The use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages in any form is prohibited on the playing field, benches or dugouts.”

Copy and post at dugouts.

# Submitting Player, Manager and Coach Data

## Requirement 16:

Player, Manager, and Coach information will be submitted through the Little League Data Center at [www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org) by April 1, 2025 or two weeks following the draft.

The following is MANDATORY:

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- 1). Certifications required for Managers, Coaches, Players, and Board Members:
  - a). First Aid/CPR/AED (\$) ----Multiple programs available. Use an internet search to locate a program, or have someone in the league that is a medical professional provide a class. (This is for coaches, managers, and board members). American Red Cross (<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class>), or Advanced Medical Certification (<https://advancedmedicalcertification.com/>), are a couple of websites that can be used.
  - b). Concussion Certification (Free)----Required by State of California Law, for coaches, and managers. NHFS is a good site to use for this one: <https://nfhslearn.com/courses>. You can also use that link for the first aid (\$).
  - c). Diamond Leader Training (Free)---Required by Little League for all coaches and managers. Available at: <https://www.littleleague.org/diamondleader/>
  - d). Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention (Free)---Required by California Law for both coaches, managers, and players. Website is: <https://epsavealife.org/courses/coach-training/>
  - e). Abuse Awareness for Adults located at (Free): <https://usabdevelops.com/my-account/certs>.

These must be completed by:

- Managers, Coaches, Team Parents
- Board of Directors Members
- Any other person, volunteers and/or hired workers, who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to, or contact with players or teams.
- Keep for a minimum of 2 years after the volunteer is no longer a part of the league

- Each team minimum 3 to 4 (volunteer apps)

# Coach, Please Let Players Catch!



**REMEMBER:**

**Coaches and managers must not warm up pitchers. Let Players Catch.**

**RULE 3.09**

"...Managers or coaches must not warm up a pitcher at home plate or in the bull pen or elsewhere at any time. They may, however, stand to observe a pitcher during warm-up in the bull pen."

**Requirement 17:**

We will answer the survey questions in the Little League Data Center.



## Player and Parental Acknowledgement

We, the undersigned, acknowledge that we have been provided with a copy of the San Jose National Little League Concussion Prevention, Management and Treatment Policy, and that we have read and understand the policy, or it has been read to us and we understand the same. We hereby agree to follow all procedures set forth in said Policy at all times during which our son or daughter participates in Little League activities and events.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Player \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

*LEAGUE USE:* Division: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

# Safe Sports Act

- “Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and SafeSport Authorization Act of 2017” became federal law in 2018
- The goal of SafeSport is to protect children from abusive situations by engaging more people in the reporting and education processes
- A volunteer now can be held legally responsible if they have firsthand knowledge and fail to report any type of Child Abuse to the correct parties
- SafeSport covers all types of Child Abuse both physical and psychological
- SafeSport prompted USA Baseball to create Pure Baseball

## USA Baseball Pure Baseball Initiative

- Little League International and all local little league programs must adhere to the following requirements from the SafeSport Act:
- Reporting of Abuse involving a minor to the proper authorities
- All volunteers of a local league are now mandated reporters and could face criminal charges if the league chooses to ignore, or not report to the proper authorities, any witnessed act of child abuse, including sexual abuse, within 24 hours.
- Local leagues must be aware of the proper procedures to report any type of abuse in their state. Please reference [www.LittleLeague.org/ChildAbuse](http://www.LittleLeague.org/ChildAbuse)
- Leagues must adopt a policy that prohibits retaliation for “good faith” reports of child abuse.
- Leagues must adopt a policy that limits one-one-one contact with minors.
- Leagues are highly encouraged to complete the Abuse Awareness training provided by USA Baseball and/or SafeSport.

<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/safesport-resources-parents/>

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