2022 Safety Manual



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Little League

Williams Little League is committed to the safe operation of our Programs. This Safety Plan and Manual has been developed to assist in that effort and to ensure that our league is "ASAP" compliant.



Safety Mission Statement of Our Little League

It is the policy of WLL to actively participate in the ASAP Program in order to safeguard the physical and emotional well-being of all children participating in any baseball and softball programs, as well as providing a safe and friendly environment for volunteers, parents and spectators. It is also the policy of our league to

- Inform and educate our community as to what the ASAP Program is and how it serves the best interests of our participants
- Involve players, parents, community members, local businesses, law enforcement, fire protection, EMS and other organizations in our ASAP Program through the sharing of information, poster campaigns, advertising and education programs

- Utilize all available resources within our community to further the goals of the ASAP
- > Make Zero-Injuries our ultimate goal



WLL 2022 League Safety Officer

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The responsibilities of WLL's League Safety Officer are:

- ✓ Develop and document League Safety Program and distribute copies to all volunteers in accordance with ASAP policy
- ✓ Submit a yearly ASAP plan to Little League Baseball
- ✓ Submit annually an updated Facilities Survey to LLBB
- ✓ Insure compliance throughout the league with the established safety policies
- ✓ Help develop and coordinate all Safety Related Training with the League
- ✓ Conduct regular inspections of all fields and facilities
- ✓ Report all violations to our Little League Board of Directors along with the corrective actions taken
- ✓ Investigate all accidents; provide claims forms and information and track in accordance with this safety manual
- ✓ Make sure all teams have First Aid Kits at all games and practices
- ✓ Insure league compliance with the Little League Baseball's Child

Protection Policy

- ✓ Ensure compliance with ASAP requirement 14 requiring player registration data and coach/manager data be submitted via the Little League Data Center
- ✓ Submit any ideas implemented by our league to help improve our safety plan

General Safety Policies for WLL

- This Safety Plan and manual will be distributed to all coaches and managers as well as all officers and league volunteers of our Little League
- WLL will inform and involve parents in the Safety Program
- Umpires are a vital part of our Safety Program. Umpires will be considered as Safety Officers for each game they officiate in the absence of a District or League Safety Officer and have the authority to stop or delay play due to any safety issues
- Managers, Coaches and Umpires will carefully inspect the fields/facilities for hazards. Inspection should include bases, fences, outfield area, rest

rooms, and bleachers. Managers must also ensure that all phone listings for our Little League Board of Directors and all Emergency Phone listings are predominately posted at the game or practice site. Report all problems to the League Safety Officer. Correct all problems BEFORE beginning play or practice.



- Before any game or practice, all equipment (Bats, Helmets, Bases, Catchers Equipment) must be carefully inspected for defects. Discard all defective equipment and report all problems to the Safety Officer. All defective equipment will be returned for permanent disposal. At no time will defective equipment be given away.
- All rules of the 2022 Little League rulebook will be strictly enforced. Our league will ensure that the appropriate 2022 Little League rulebook is distributed to every manager, coach, umpire and league/district official. All participants must follow all 2022 Little League Baseball Inc. rules, both during practices and games as most rules relate to safe participation. Some rules of special importance
 - All fields under our control will use dis-engage able bases
 - Catchers will be properly equipped In accordance with Rule 1.17.
 All catchers must also have dangling throat protectors secured to their masks in such a way as to provide proper protection
 - Catchers warming up pitchers or catching for infield/outfield drills will wear catchers helmet, mask with dangling throat protector
 - Under no circumstances will an adult volunteer warm up a pitcher in accordance with Rule 3.06. This includes standing at the backstop during practice as informal catcher for batting practice
 - All equipment will be inspected before it is issued and before each use. All batting and catchers helmets will comply with all specifications and applicable NOSCAE standards
 - All suspect or clearly defective equipment will be disposed of by our equipment manager. It will not be given away for use by anyone
 - All bats used by our league will fully comply with 2022 Little League rules
- Every Manager is to ensure that a First Aid Kit is available for all games and practices. Managers will also be sure to carry the team first aid kit if traveling outside of the league facilities. All kits should include non-latex gloves.

- Every Manager is to carry the team's roster with copies of all Medical Release Forms to all games and practices.
- Annual Basic First Aid/EMT Training is mandatory for our coaches and managers. All umpires and league officials will also be required to attend.
- Annual Fundamentals/Skills Training is mandatory for all managers and coaches.
- Our league encourages the use of protective cups by all male players. We also recommend the use of protective mouth guards by all infielders.
- Our league requires that the Little League Baseball Medical Release be completed, signed and returned to the team manager before participation in any practice or game. <u>There are no exceptions to this rule. Copies must</u> <u>also be provided to the Player Agent.</u> A blank copy will be provided with the registration forms.

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Whether regular season or tournament games or practices, your managers need to carry all their players' Medical Releases. While just as critical for teams in tournament play, the forms are just as important during the regular season.

Most hospitals will not treat a player who does not have a life-threatening injury without one. Imagine if your manager has to accompany a player with a broken leg to the hospital because the parents weren't at the game or practice. Without a Medical Release it's likely to be a long wait with a suffering player as the manager tries frantically to reach them to approve medical treatment.

Make sure your league has all players' Medical Releases, and the manager carries the team's forms with him or her everywhere. Then if a parent isn't at the field when an accident happens, the only call that will really matter is to 9-1-1.

A list of emergency numbers and league officials will be posted at all sites along with Emergency Procedures for our league.

OUR LEAGUE EMERGENCY PROCEDURE

In the event of any serious crime, threat of any type, injury or illness

DIAL 9-1-1

This will connect you to a dispatcher who will provide the appropriate response to any emergency. Listen carefully to the dispatcher. They will ask you the appropriate questions and get you the help you need. No matter what, DO NOT HANG UP until the dispatcher hangs up or tells you to.

If the emergency is an injury or illness, follow this procedure

First, protect the victim from further injury! DO NOT MOVE THE VICTIM UNLESS THERE IS AN IMMEDIATE THREAT!

Any qualified person at the scene should provide First Aid immediately.

The most important help you can provide to a victim who is seriously injured is to call for professional medical help. Make the call quickly, preferably from a cell phone near the injured person. If this is not possible, send someone else to make the call from a nearby telephone.

First dial 9-1-1. Give the dispatcher the necessary information. Answer any and all questions that he or she might ask. Most dispatchers will ask your exact location, the telephone number from which the call is being made and your name. They will also need to know what happened, how many victims there are and their condition. They will also ask what help is being given (first aid, CPR, etc.) The dispatcher may be able to tell you how to best care for the victim.

Continue to care for the victim and reassure them until professional help arrives.

If the victim is a minor, find the legal guardian.

Always notify the League President and/or Safety Officer of any incident, no matter how minor, so that it can be properly documented by the league. League President – Richard Gonzales (858) 736-4252
League Safety Officer – Tara Lowe (928) 699-5282

Williams Little League Child Protection Policy

- Our league will conduct background checks on all Board Members and Volunteers. There will be absolutely no exceptions to this requirement.
- Volunteers and Board Members will comply with the current Little League background check procedures as required by Little League International thru J.D. Palatine (JDP) as directed by WLL.
- Anyone refusing to follow and complete the required process will not be allowed to participate with the league in any capacity.

Williams Little League Accident Reporting and Tracking Policy

All accidents and near-miss incidents must be reported to the League Safety Officer.

- All accidents involving an injury that require any first aid or professional medical attention must be reported within 24 hours of the incident.
- All other accidents and near miss incidents must be reported within 72 hours. Near miss accidents are any incident where a player, spectator, umpire, coach, manager or league official <u>narrowly missed</u> being injured. These "close call" incidents may indicate a safety problem that needs to be addressed before an actual injury occurs.
- League Safety Officer will investigate and take appropriate action.

- Safety officer will also forward comments to the board of directors and fill out appropriate form(s) ○ ASAP Incident Tracking Form(Enclosed)
 - Little League Accident Notification Form(Enclosed)
- Safety office or another board member will also assist parents in filing claim forms. Copies of all claim forms will be maintained for two years. All accidents and near miss incident reports will be maintained by the board for a minimum of two years.

Maryland District 7 Little Leagues

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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

- 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 20 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.
- 6. Accident Claim Form must be fully completed including Social Security Number (SSN) for processing.

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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.

Any person who knowingly and with the 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.

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Safety Training Events for 2022

Williams Little League will provide a Safety Training Program.

2022 First Aid Training Sessions

Date/Time/ Location: TBD- Virtual Sessions/ In - Person sessions

2022 Fundamental/Skills Training Sessions

Date/Time/ Location: TBD- Virtual Sessions/In - Person sessions

Coaches and Managers Supplemental Training Outline

For Coaches and Managers

The intent of our league's Supplemental Training is to provide managers and coaches with the basic knowledge needed to teach, plan and organize. There will be a strong emphasis on safety. Topics will include:

- Little League Rule Changes
- Pitch Counts per Age Group and Pitching Mechanics
- Returning from Injury- What are the Managers and Coaches responsibilities
- Safety Issues Safe Practice Field Conditions
- Safe Practice Policy
 Weather Policy
- Lightening Safety Lighting Conditions and Safety- 30 minute delay
- Injury Prevention
- Coaches And Managers Code Of Conduct
- ✓ Follow your leagues Safety Plan and ASAP Guidelines
- ✓ Require players to properly warm up/stretch before all activity

Warm ups should include gradually increasing working thru the full range of motion for the activity expected and should include a sport specific activity. Lining up and throwing to each other for 15 minutes is not a warm up!

✓ Cool down

Cool down after vigorous exercise. A 10 to 15 minute cool-down period allows heart rate and breathing to return to normal. Slow walking will prevent blood from pooling in the legs. Blood pooling can cause dizziness and blackouts. Do stretching exercises again to prevent the muscles from getting sore and stiff.

Concessions Safety

- Williams Little League will operate concessions at Williams City Field and as needed Williams High school Field. Operations will be inspected by our Board on a regular basis.
 - Our league will post and distribute written safety procedures for our concession operations
 - Our league concession manager must be trained in safe food handling/prep procedures by a league volunteer that is an experienced food services employee
 - Our Training will include o
 - Proper perishable food storage and handling guidelines o
 - Proper food preparation guidelines
 - Procedures for inspection of all food storage equipment
 - Safety rules for operation of grills or other potentially dangerous equipment
 - · Concessions check lists for opening and closing concessions

Concessions Policies and Guidelines

All concession volunteers must have training in basic safety guidelines for concessions.

Grills/Hotplates may not be attended by anyone under the age of 18 without proper supervision.

All other concessions volunteers handling unwrapped food must be at least 14 years of age.

Concessions volunteers will inspect the concession area for any violations of the posted safety requirements and report any irregularities to a board member. Concession manager or concession volunteer designated by the safety officer or concession manager, will verify at every start of concession operations that:

First Aid Kit is in the concession area

Copy of the League Safety Manual is in the Concession Area

Emergency Phone Numbers are predominately posted

All food storage and preparation equipment is in proper working order

The food preparation area is clean and free of any unsafe or unsuitable items such as cleaning fluids, debris, etc.

The concession area fire extinguisher is in place and properly charged.

Only authorized volunteers are to be in the concessions area during operations

WILLIAMS LITTLE LEAGUE COVID PLAN

- 1. Personal Safety and Hygiene Protocols:
 - a. Players, coaches, umpires, spectators and volunteers will take precautions related to COVID-19.
 - b. Wash hands before and after team activities, hand sanitizer will be provided to the extent possible
 - c. No individuals should attend team activities if they are showing virus symptoms
 - i. Families are responsible for assessment of player health prior to each team activity
 - ii. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
 - d. Minimize direct contact and maximize physical separation / spacing
 - e. Respect for each individual's choice will be top priority. Players may wear a facemask during play but it is not required.
 - f. Players should plan on bringing an individual water bottle.
 - g. No sunflower seeds or gum allowed.
- 2. Game and Practice Protocols:
 - a. Only one team on the field during practice.
 - b. Dugouts will be rotated for each practice. i.e. 1st & 3rd practice will use Home dugout, 2nd practice will use Visitor dugout.
 - c. Minimize shared equipment players bring their own gear to the extent possible
 - d. Equipment and dugouts should be sanitized to the extent possible.
 - e. Parents are permitted to attend games. Spectators will be required to social distance. Children not playing will need to stay with their parents. All spectators will be required to wear a mask if not socially distanced.
- 3. Concession Stand: Will be open for pre-packaged items.