

**LAGUNA BEACH LITTLE LEAGUE**  
**RESUMPTION OF 2020 BASEBALL SEASON GUIDELINES**



California District D55

The following plan has been established to resume Little League Baseball while protecting and supporting our players' health, practice social distancing, limit large gatherings, and minimize risks of COVID-19. This guidance has been approved by Laguna Beach Little League's Board of Directors and will be submitted to the local authorities for final approval.

Effective June 15, 2020, The County of Orange allowed the re-opening of practices for youth sports under the California Public Health Department's COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Day Camps. These activities will take place on the following fields: Riddle Field, Alta Laguna and Lang Parks. An approved copy of this document can be found in the local league's Safety Plan.

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**I. GENERAL MEASURES**

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**PERSONAL PREVENTION ACTIONS & TRAINING OF LBLL BOARD MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS**

- All league members and LBLL parents will receive the LBLL Resumption of 2020 Baseball Season Guidelines which will include the following safety actions:
  - Enhanced sanitation practices
  - Physical distancing and proper use of face coverings
  - Screening practices
- All league members and LBLL parents will be reminded of their responsibility to adhere to personal prevention actions including:
  - Stay home when sick or having symptoms of becoming sick (i.e., symptoms of respiratory illness, fever, or cough)
  - Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
  - Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue, dispose of the tissue and wash hands immediately after. If tissue is not available, cough or sneeze in elbow
  - Do not touch eyes, mouth, or nose with unwashed hands
  - Avoid contact with people who are sick or who are exhibiting symptoms of being sick
  - Avoid sharing items
  - Always maintain the recommended minimum of 6 feet separation from others
  - Wear a face covering when unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing
  - Regularly sanitize frequently touched objects and surfaces

**PROTECTING THE FIELD ENVIRONMENT**

- All league members and visitors will be reminded of the importance of social distancing while at the fields as well as in all other environments
- A minimum of 6 feet of social distancing should always be maintained
- Face coverings should be worn to increase protection when unable to socially distance
- Continued efforts to sanitize facilities, equipment, and areas and items of common touch points will be made

**ENSURING COOPERATION**

- Board Members and league officials will maintain ongoing communication with all members of the league to include all players/managers/coaches at the field to limit any violation of the safety protocols
  - All players/managers/coaches will be reminded that any violation of the social distancing and safety protocols will jeopardize the continued operation of Little League Baseball
  - Any player/manager/coach who refuses to adhere to the protocols after one warning will be asked to leave the field site immediately



**PROMOTE HEALTHY HYGEINE PRACTICES**

- All Board Members, Managers and Assistant Coaches and players are required to practice safe personal hygiene.
- Managers and coaches should model and enforce that all players wash their hands for 20 seconds after restroom breaks; avoid contact with their eyes, nose, and mouth; and cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue and wash hands immediately after. If tissue is not available, cough or sneeze in elbow.
- At a minimum, players must use hand sanitizer before practice, 1x during, and at the end of practice.
- Hand sanitizer pumps will be placed in both dugouts
- Wear a face covering when unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing

**DISINFECTANT CLEANING OF RIDDLE FIELD**

- The City of Laguna Beach is to provide daily disinfectant treatment restrooms
- Snack Bar is to remain closed until further notice
- The City of Laguna Beach is to cover water fountains at Riddle Field

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**II. PLAYERS, MANAGERS, ASSISTANT COACHES AND ADULT VOLUNTEERS**

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**PLAYERS**

Team roster should not exceed 12 players per team

- During practice, managers will divide their team into two equal groups and assign personal 'x' spots in their designated bleacher area such that they remain 6' apart
- Players shall put their equipment bag outside the dugout. Personal bat, helmet and other equipment should be kept under their designated seat until the equipment needs to be used
- When not on the field, players shall stay in their assigned personal spot.
- Players shall only use their own equipment—no sharing of equipment (exception of shared equipment is the baseball).

**MANAGERS/COACHES**

- Minimum of three league-approved adult volunteers are permitted to be involved with each team per each practice (1 Team Manager and 2 Asst Coaches).
  - At the beginning of practice, managers must conduct a visual wellness check of players upon arrival and take temperature's using a no-touch thermometer.
  - Players with temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher must be immediately sent home and LBLL immediately advised.
  - Managers and Assistant Coaches are required to wear face covering when unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing
  - Managers and Assistant Coaches must enforce throughout practice:
    - No sharing of equipment
    - Social distancing of players
    - Minimum of three hand sanitizer breaks throughout practice

**BOARD MEMBER ON DUTY**

- Board Member on Duty will always remain on-site during baseball activities.
- Board Member on Duty will wear a face covering when they are unable to practice 6 feet of social distancing during interaction with others
- Board Member on Duty will educate and enforce social distancing among players and parents and enforce face coverings when unable to adhere to social distancing guidelines
- Board Member on Duty will communicate with all participants in a friendly, yet firm, manner that all social distancing protocols must be adhered to during their time at the field

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**III. EQUIPMENT PROTOCOL**

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**PLAYER EQUIPMENT**

- Players are not to use bat racks or helmet racks
- Bats, helmets, and gloves are not to be shared between players
- Catchers must have their own equipment
  - League can provide gear for each catcher that is used by only one player per day
  - Borrowed league's catcher's gear is to be wiped down with sanitizing wipe prior to reuse (24 hours must pass before reuse)
- Players are to keep their own equipment in their own bag
- Dropped bats are to be retrieved by a coach and to be wiped down with sanitizing wipe then set on side of dugout for player to retrieve.

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**IV. PRACTICE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE — PLAYERS & PARENTS**

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**TEAM PRACTICE AT FIELDS**

- Players to arrive to the field no earlier than 10 minutes before practice
- Players are not to congregate within a group prior to taking the field to warm up
  - Stretching—separate in a space to allow 6 feet apart
  - Running—run as a team spaced 6 feet apart
  - Throwing—ensure throwing distance is at least 6 feet apart
  - When taking grounders, players awaiting their turn should be spaced at least 6 feet apart
  - In the bullpen, coach must maintain 6 feet from players during instruction or wear a face covering if not able to maintain social distancing.

**DURING PRACTICE**

- Players are encouraged to use hand sanitizer as frequently as possible
- Players are to bring their own water/drink for use during practice — no team water jugs or ice chests are permitted; players are not to share their drinks or snacks with anyone
- Sunflower seeds are not allowed at any time

**CONCLUSION OF PRACTICE**

- Congregation of teams/players is not allowed — there is to be no after-practice team meeting. Manager may say a few words to their team while their players are lined up 6 feet apart on baseline
- Players and families will be asked to leave the practice field within 10 minutes of the conclusion of practice

**PARENTS (caregivers, siblings, family)**

- Parents should try to limit their time at the field when possible.
- LBL kindly asks that parents do not stay to watch practice.
- Parents are not to congregate outside of their stay-at-home family group
- Parents are to follow social distant guidelines  
Bleachers will be closed to all spectators; bleachers will only be used as an extra area for players, managers, and coaches who are participating in a baseball activities.

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**V. SNACK BARS—FOOD & BEVERAGE**

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**RIDDLE FIELD SNACK BAR**

- No food or concession sales will be allowed at Riddle Field
- Snack Bar is closed until further notice
- Players are to bring their own snacks and water/drinks

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**VI. FIELD MAINTENANCE**

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Field maintenance equipment is to include, but not be limited to, rakes, field drags, shovels, paint/chalk sprayers, and hoses. Field maintenance equipment will only be handled by a maximum of two league members per team who will be designated as the “field crew”

- Field crew is to be the only person(s) to use the field maintenance equipment
- Field crew is to wear gloves during all field maintenance—including set up and tear down
- Field maintenance equipment handles are to be wiped down with sanitizing wipes after each use

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**VII. FIELD FACILITIES & SURROUNDINGS**

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**FIELD FACILITIES**

- For any restroom break, managers and coaches will remind players to wash hands for 20 seconds before they return to the field. Player must also use hand sanitizer upon returning.
- Trash cans will be touchless; lids will remain open when field site is open

**FIELD SURROUNDINGS**

- Informational signage will be posted throughout the field(s) regarding infection control, social distancing and the use of face coverings and gloves
- All families are discouraged to bring player friends or extended family to the fields.
- No visitors who are unrelated to a player or sales representatives or outside distributors will be allowed on the field
- LBLL requests the City of Laguna Beach to cover all drinking fountains at above mentioned fields

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**VIII. LEAGUE GUIDELINES APPROVAL**

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These guidelines have been established to allow our children the opportunity to play sports. These guidelines reflect the recommendations and views of the community and health care providers. Youth sports and local businesses are required to follow COVID-19 safety and preventive guidelines to remain open and active.

The following persons may be contacted regarding this protocol:

| <b>Name</b>     | <b>Position</b>       | <b>Email</b>          | <b>Signature/Date Approved</b> |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ed Paz          | League President      | edwardtpaz@gmail.com  |                                |
| Nicole Bogdan   | League Safety Officer | nicolebog@gmail.com   |                                |
| Jakki Tonkovich | League Player Agent   | jakki@vistalab.com    |                                |
| Sean Murray     | League Vice President | seansmurray@yahoo.com |                                |

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**X. PARENT/GUARDIAN ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

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I understand and agree that these guidelines are necessary for my child(ren) to play Little League and that refusal to follow these guidelines may prevent Little League from remaining open for play and that I may be asked to leave the site if I do not abide by these guidelines.

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Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_