



# 2021 Covid-19 Return-to-Play Safety Plan

Washington District 8  
Little League



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**Washington District 8 Little League is made up of the following leagues:**

Ballard Little League

Magnolia Little League

North Bothell Little League

North Central Little League

Northeast Little League

Northlake Little League

Northshore Little League

Northwest Little League

Queen Anne Little League

RUG Little League

Shoreline Little League

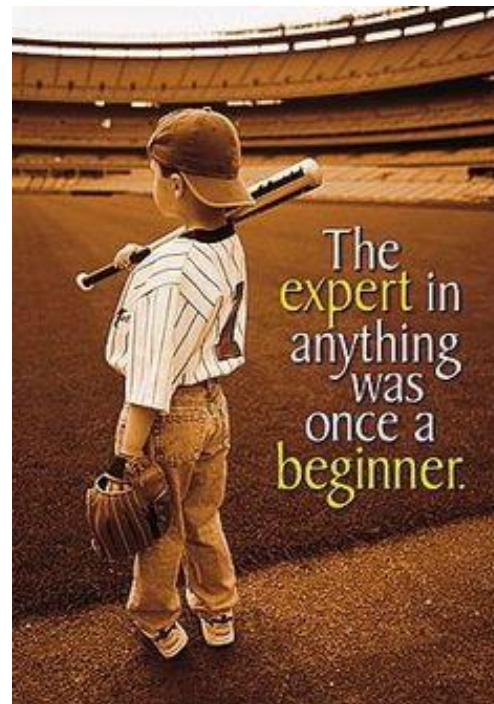
Woodinville Little League



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## Mission Statement:

The mission of WA District 8 Little League is to provide a framework for our 12 Little Leagues to follow as they return-to-play during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is our intent to follow WA state guidelines by honoring the phased approach that has been laid out by our governor. It is acknowledged that this plan is a snapshot in time that can and will change as we gain additional knowledge and understanding of the Covid-19 virus.



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## General Requirements - All Participants:

- Must remain home if ANYONE in household is ill
- Strongly encouraged to take temperature prior to leaving for field and to stay home if temperature is elevated
- Must arrive at field with a household member (Carpooling strongly discouraged)
- Must wear a mask or face covering at all times
- Must go directly to your designated field (No viewing other games)
- Must maintain 6 ft social distancing with anyone not in your household
- Spectators are not allowed in player areas (Dugouts, fields, etc)
- Spectators must maintain 6 ft distance from backstops and dugouts
- Hand washing or sanitizing at regular intervals is strongly recommended



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## General Requirements - All Participants:

- When available, must use bathroom provided at your designated field - Maintain 6 ft buffer around the door
- No concession services will be provided
- Follow pack in / pack out philosophy (Take all garbage with you upon leaving)
- Upon conclusion of the practice or game, leave your designated field promptly (Don't mingle with other parents, etc)



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## Player Requirements:

- Must maintain 6 ft social distancing while off the field of play
- Must wear a mask or face covering and use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the field, during the event and leaving the field
- Adhere to proper hygiene requirement of not touching their face
- Must not share their personal clothing, equipment, food or water
- All equipment must be clearly marked so player can readily identify (No permanent markings on bats)
- Must adhere to no-touch rule (No high fives, handshakes, etc)
- Must clean dugout of any trash after practice / game



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## Coach Requirements:

- Ensure that all participants adhere to all requirements
- For each event, must keep a roster of every player, coach, volunteer and spectator to aid in contact tracing in the event of a possible exposure. Rosters must be kept for at least 28 days after the event.
- Maintain 6 ft social distancing when possible
- Must wear a mask or face covering and use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the field, during the event and leaving the field
- Must adhere to no-touch rule (No high fives, handshakes, etc)
- Must sanitize shared bats, helmets and catcher's equipment between uses (All other equipment sharing is prohibited)
- Must clean dugout of any trash after practice or game
- Must sanitize field maintenance equipment before leaving
- No beverage or snack exchange after practices or games





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## Umpire Requirements:

- Must maintain 6 ft social distancing when possible (Base umpires must always maintain 6 ft social distancing)
- Must wear a mask or face covering and use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the field, during the event and leaving the field
- Must adhere to no-touch rule (No high fives, handshakes, etc)
- Equipment safety check should be completed visually
- Balls and strikes should be called from an adequate distance behind the pitcher



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## Phase I Practice Procedures:

- Managers to ensure that return-to-play requirements for all participants, including players, coaches and umpires are followed
- Waiting on the sidelines prior to the start of the reservation is not allowed (If you arrive early, wait in your vehicle)
- Only one parent/guardian/caregiver for each minor aged participant is allowed. Spectators must maintain 6 ft social distancing with each other and are not allowed on the field
- Managers are required to track attendance for contact tracing purposes
- Players and coaches may not enter the playfield until the start of their reservation
- Equipment bags to be spaced 6 ft apart in dugouts or surrounding area



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## Phase I Practice Procedures:

- Full team practices are allowed while maintaining 6 ft social distancing when possible
- Any shared bats, helmets and catching equipment must be sanitized between uses (All other equipment sharing is prohibited)
- All equipment and garbage must be removed, and the field vacated by all participants 15 minutes prior to the end of the reservation



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## Phase II Practice Procedures:

- Managers to ensure that return-to-play requirements for all participants, including players, coaches and umpires are followed
- Waiting on the sidelines prior to the start of the reservation is not allowed (If you arrive early, wait in your vehicle)
- Managers are required to track attendance for contact tracing purposes
- Players and coaches may not enter the playfield until the start of their reservation
- Equipment bags to be spaced 6 ft apart in dugouts or surrounding area
- Full team practices are allowed while maintaining 6 ft social distancing when possible



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## Phase II Practice Procedures:

- Any shared bats, helmets and catching equipment must be sanitized between uses (All other equipment sharing is prohibited)
- All equipment and garbage must be removed, and the field vacated by all participants 15 minutes prior to the end of the reservation



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## Phase II Game Procedures:

- Managers to ensure that all return-to-play requirements for all participants, including players, coaches and umpires are followed
- Waiting on the sidelines prior to the start of the reservation is not allowed (If you arrive early, wait in your vehicle)
- Managers are required to track attendance for contact tracing purposes
- Players and coaches may not enter the playfield until the start of their reservation
- Staggered start times to limit numbers at entry and exit points
- Equipment bags to be spaced 6 ft apart in dugouts or surrounding area
- Managers must ensure that total participants do not exceed 200 people (Includes coaches, players, spectators and umpires)
- No lineups exchanged or plate meetings (Any field issues or irregular ground rules should be shared via e-mail prior to game).



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- Limit of 3 players in a dugout at a time, with remainder in designated spots on bleachers or along the fence - Players will rotate into dugouts as necessary
- One coach must always be in dugout (Encouraged to use players as first base coaches)
- A coach will be required to retrieve the player's bat by the bat head (Not the bat handle) after an at bat
- Each team will be required to provide their own game balls for use when on-field, including extras for foul balls (A coach is required to provide players with a game ball after an out-of-play foul ball)
- Players are to maintain 6ft social distance when possible on-field, including while returning to the dugout



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## Phase II Game Procedures:

- On-field meetings should include no more than 2 players / coaches while maintaining 6 ft social distancing
- Any shared bats, helmets and catching equipment must be sanitized between uses (All other equipment sharing is prohibited)
- Players and families to leave immediately after the game concludes
- All equipment and garbage must be removed, and the field vacated by all participants 15 minutes prior to the end of the reservation





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