



Tiverton Little League

2026 Safety Program

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Purpose

This Safety Program serves as a reference for essential safety policies and expectations for Tiverton Little League (TLL) Managers, Coaches, and volunteers. Its purpose is to promote a safe, healthy, and supportive environment for all players, families, and volunteers.

Program Distribution

The TLL Safety Plan will be:

- Posted on the TLL website: www.tivertonlittleleague.org
 - Distributed electronically to all volunteers
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Contact Information — TLL

TLL Safety Officer

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TLL President

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Player Contact Information

All Managers must keep a copy of their team roster readily available at all games and practices.

Rosters must include:

- Player and parent/guardian contact information
 - Allergy information
 - Pertinent medical history
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Accident, Incident, and Injury Reporting

All injuries or incidents, regardless of severity, must be reported immediately to TLL.

Prompt reporting ensures appropriate insurance coverage and proper documentation.

Little League International requires an accident report form to be completed for any injury requiring medical treatment beyond basic first aid. The TLL Safety Officer, with assistance from appropriate parties, will complete an incident report that includes, at a minimum:

- Date, time, and location of the incident
- Name, date of birth, address, and phone number of the injured individual and legal guardian
- Description of the injury and how it occurred

A copy of the TLL Incident Report Form, as well as a QR code linking to an electronic incident report, is included as **Appendix A**.

Reporting Process

- Contact TLL Safety Officer Melissa Weidman at **401-480-1538** (call or text), or email **Safety@TivertonLittleLeague.org**
- All injuries and incidents must be reported **within 24 hours**

IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, IMMEDIATELY CALL 9-1-1

First Aid and CPR/AED Training

Each team is strongly encouraged to have at least one Manager or Assistant Coach certified in First Aid and CPR/AED. TLL may provide this training to volunteers.

Managers and Assistant Coaches are also strongly encouraged to complete the **First Aid Awareness Training** through Little League University.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

AEDs are maintained by the Town of Tiverton at the following locations:

- **Town Farm Recreation Area**
 - Exterior of Daniels Softball Field Concession Stand
 - Exterior of Sylvia Baseball Field Concession Stand
- **Bulgarmarsh Recreation Center / John Vooie Raposa Field**
 - Exterior of restroom facility
- **Pocasset Elementary School**
 - Exterior of softball field concession stand
- **Tiverton High School Softball Field**
 - Exterior softball storage facility
- **Fort Barton Elementary School**
 - Inside concession stand
- **Tiverton Middle School**
 - Inside school, gymnasium hallway

AED Access Code (Town-Managed AEDs):
As of January 11, 2024, the access code is C159X.
The code can also be obtained by calling 9-1-1 during an emergency.

AED Emergency Response Process

1. Recognize cardiac arrest and immediately call 9-1-1
2. Begin CPR immediately
3. Retrieve the AED and accessories without delay
4. Open the AED case and apply pads as illustrated on the pads
 - Typical adult placement: upper right torso and lower left torso

- For children under age 9:
 - Use pediatric pads if available
 - If unavailable, check for a child-mode switch or key
 - If neither pediatric pads nor child-mode are available, apply adult pads in an anterior-posterior (front and back) position
 - 5. Turn on the AED and follow all voice and visual prompts
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First Aid Kits

- Each team will be issued a small first aid kit containing basic supplies and ice packs
- Kits will be replenished by TLL as needed; please contact Melissa Weidman for restocking
- A first aid kit will also be maintained inside each TLL concession stand

Each kit will include:

- A laminated card with the AED access code
 - A QR code for submitting a Safety Report electronically
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Child Protection Program

For the purposes of the Child Protection Program, the term “volunteers” includes Board Members, Managers, Coaches, and all other league volunteers.

All TLL volunteers must complete:

- **Abuse Awareness 2026 Training**
- **Diamond Leader Training**

Proof of completion must be submitted to TLL.

All volunteers must also:

- Complete a Volunteer Application Form
- Successfully pass an annual background check through the Little League International Data Center

No individual may participate as a volunteer, Manager, or Coach until the background check has been completed and approved.

Child Protection and Safety Policies

Mandatory Reporting

All managers, coaches, volunteers, and league officials are required to report any suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse involving a minor, to the appropriate authorities within 24 hours, in accordance with state and local laws.

Non-Retaliation: The league strictly prohibits retaliation against any individual who makes a good-faith report of suspected child abuse or safety concerns. Reports made honestly and with concern for a child’s well-being will be supported and taken seriously.

One-on-One Interactions

One-on-one interactions between adults and minors are not permitted unless they take place in a setting that is observable and interruptible by another adult (for example, an open area or within clear sight and hearing range).

Electronic Communication

Volunteers are prohibited from contacting players directly through social media or electronic communication unless another adult volunteer or the player’s parent/legal guardian is copied

Bullying, Harassment, and Hazing

TLL is committed to maintaining a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all participants. Bullying, harassment, intimidation, violence, or hazing of any kind is not tolerated and may result in removal from league participation. This applies to player-to-player, adult-to-player, player-to-adult, and adult-to-adult interactions.

Prohibited behaviors include:

- Physical bullying
- Verbal bullying
- Emotional bullying
- Social or cyber bullying
- Harassment
- Hazing

Fundamentals Training

Baseball and Softball fundamentals training will be offered to Coaches on an as-needed basis.

Field Inspections

Both home and away teams must conduct a field inspection prior to every game and practice.

Potential hazards include, but are not limited to:

- Rocks, glass, or debris
- Damaged fencing or netting
- Unsanitary conditions
- Any safety or health risks

Photographs of hazards should be taken when applicable. If a hazard cannot be corrected, the game or practice must not begin.

All hazards must be reported to the TLL Safety Officer, who will notify the League President. The President will report issues to the Tiverton Recreation Committee for repair.

Concession Stand Safety

All concession stands will be overseen by the TLL President or a designated committee member. Food service safety precautions must be followed at all times.

Equipment will be:

- Properly maintained
- Cleaned after each game
- Ready for use for the next scheduled event

Hand Washing

Frequent and thorough hand washing is the primary method of preventing foodborne illness.

Disposable gloves may be used as an additional precaution, but do not replace proper hand washing.

Hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol is available.

Health and Hygiene

Individuals who are ill or have open sores or cuts are not permitted to work in the concession stand.

Food Handling

Food will be packaged and should be handled and prepared according to manufacturer specifications.

Sanitation

Disposable sanitizing wipes and approved cleaning supplies will be used after each game and as needed throughout operation.

Insect and Rodent Control

Concession stands will be inspected regularly for insects and rodents. Food must be stored in appropriate sealed containers. Pest control products will not be stored near food items.

Age Restrictions

Children under age 14 must be accompanied by an adult to enter or work in the concession stand.

With adult supervision, they may serve bottled beverages and pre-packaged items such as chips, candy, or ice cream.

Equipment Inspections

The TLL Equipment Manager or designee will oversee the distribution and collection of league equipment. All equipment will be inspected for defects prior to distribution.

Managers are responsible for checking team equipment before each game and practice. Defective equipment must be removed from use and returned to TLL for replacement.

TLL Rules and Player Safety

In addition to Little League International Rules (www.littleleague.org/rules), TLL follows applicable Rhode Island Little League District rules and the following safety requirements:

1. Only players actively in the field or at bat are permitted on the field during play
2. Players not participating must remain in the dugout
3. All batters must wear batting helmets
 - Softball players must wear helmets with an approved face shield
4. Softball pitchers and infielders must wear fielding facemasks
 - Outfield facemasks are optional for Majors, Juniors, and Seniors unless required by the Manager
5. No on-deck circles are permitted

- Players may not handle a bat until it is their turn to bat
 - 6. Players must remain aware of surroundings when taking practice swings
 - 7. Jewelry and non-uniform accessories are not permitted
 - Metal cleats are prohibited
 - Managers may require removal of items (including artificial nails) that pose safety risks
 - 8. Managers and Coaches must not allow unsafe activities at any time
 - 9. All Managers, coaches, and volunteers must complete
 - An approved annual background check
 - Annual training (as outlined above in Child Protection)
 - First Aid Awareness Training through Little League University is strongly encouraged
 - 10. Little League International requires that all games and practices be suspended immediately when lightning is seen or thunder is heard.
 - All participants and spectators must seek shelter in a safe location, such as a substantial building or a hard-top vehicle.
 - Dugouts and field structures are not safe.
 - Activities may not resume until at least 30 minutes have passed since the last lightning strike or thunder, and the waiting period resets if additional lightning or thunder occurs.
 - Little League International emphasizes that **safety takes priority over completing a game or practice**. League officials, umpires, Managers, and Coaches are expected to **err on the side of caution** and suspend activities when lightning threatens
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Medical Disclaimer

TLL does not provide medical diagnosis or treatment guidelines within this Safety Manual. Volunteers are expected to follow league training, activate Emergency Medical Services (9-1-1) when appropriate, and provide care only within the scope of their training.

Appendix A — TLL Incident/Injury Report

In case of injury,

Please complete Safety Report:



TLL Incident/Injury Report

Person Completing Report:		Date/Time of Report:
TLL Safety Officer Contacted: Yes No		Date/Time of Contact:
Injured Party Information	Injured Party: DOB: Address: Phone:	
Location Injury Occurred (Field Name, Town, Location on Field, etc.)		
Description of Events (How injury occurred; include any equipment involved)		
Brief Description of Injury (Location of injury, visible bruising, bleeding, etc.)		
Equipment Used Equipment worn by player at time of injury, if applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Batting Helmet <input type="checkbox"/> Batting Helmet w/ Face Shield <input type="checkbox"/> Fielding Mask <input type="checkbox"/> Catcher's gear	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Parent/Guardian Information if Minor		
Name:		Phone Number:
For TLL Safety Officer		
Date Received:	Name, Role: Signed:	