



## SAFETY PLAN – 2021

### ASAP – What is it?

In 1995, ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) was introduced with the goal of re-emphasizing the position of Safety Officer “to create awareness, through education and information, opportunities to provide a safer environment for kids, volunteers and all participants of Little League Baseball”. A Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) includes, at minimum 15 basic requirements that are developed to encourage responsible “best practices” in support of a rewarding, and safer, Little League experience.



### Our Huntington Valley Little League (HVLL) Policy

One of the reasons for Little League’s wide acceptance and phenomenal growth is that it fills an important need in our community. As our program expands, it plays a significant role in the development of young people. It instills confidence and an understanding of fair play and the rights of other people. Young children are given an opportunity to develop their playing skills and learn what competition and sportsmanship are all about. All who take part in the program are encouraged to develop a high moral code along with their improvement in physical skills and coordination.

### #1 ASAP Requirement - Safety Responsibility

HVLL must accept the moral responsibility to guard for the safety of its players due to their exposure to accidental injuries. This obligation rests with every adult member of the league organization as well as with inactive parents who have entrusted their children to HVLL. HVLL will have an active safety officer on file with Little League International. The Safety Officer for HVLL is Frank Dispalatro (714) 536-4074 or [frank\\_hb@hotmail.com](mailto:frank_hb@hotmail.com) who is responsible to submit the current 2021 Safety Plan to the District Administrator, will review the Safety Plan annually.

### #2 ASAP Requirement - Publish & Distribute Safety Manual

This manual is offered as a tool to place some important information at manager and coach’s fingertips. HVLL will print and distribute the safety plan to all staff, managers and coaches as well as post the plan on the league’s website. **In addition, the following COVID Guidelines for HVLL protocols approved county and city of Huntington Beach are included:**

## **Resumption and COVID Guidelines for HVLL**

In an effort to resume Little League Baseball activities we have developed a series of additional measures to further safeguard our HVLL community. Attendance at HVLL fields means you knowingly and freely assume all risks, known and unknown, as well as take full responsibility for your player(s) and family's participation in Little League Baseball at HVLL. As always, returning to practices and games, when approved at the state, county and city levels, is completely voluntary.

### **General Requirements**

- **MONITOR** temperature prior to attending any Little League events. No one with a fever, cough, active COVID-19 infection or known direct contact with an individual testing positive for COVID-19 should attend a game/practice until evaluated by a medical provider and given clearance to do so. Temperature checks will also be done upon arrival to HVLL fields.
- **MAINTAIN** social distancing of 6 feet from individuals not residing in their household.
- **WEAR** face coverings while on HVLL property.
- **LIMIT** attendance at practices to managers, coaches, and players. For Minor C thru Majors divisions, parents should drop off and pick up only.
- **VACATE** the field/facility as soon as possible after the conclusion of game and/or practice.
- **CLEAN and SANITIZE** hands and equipment on a regular basis.
- **COMMUNICATE** with the safety officer immediately if a coach, parent or participant has symptoms of, or tests positive for, COVID-19. Confidentiality will be maintained; however, the coach and league must notify the team and any other known person that could have interacted with the person on our facilities that they could have been exposed to COVID-19. The individual should remain at home, in quarantine, for 10 days. The team should quarantine, as appropriate, and should not practice together for at least 7 days.

### **Facilities Overview**

- Signage will be placed throughout the facilities regarding wearing masks and social distancing.
- Hand-sanitizer will be made available at various locations throughout the facilities.
- Bleachers are available for use by players **ONLY**. As such, spectators should plan accordingly by bringing their own seating or portable chairs.
- Sunflower seeds and/or gum are not allowed.

- Restroom occupancy should be reduced to one person (or household) at a time. Sanitation should take place on a daily basis during the week, and at a minimum two times each day during weekend activities.

## **Field Practice/Game Guidelines**

### **FACE COVERINGS**

- Managers, coaches, and umpires should wear face coverings when social distancing requirements cannot be met.
- Players are not required to wear a face covering while on defense, at the plate, or on the bases, but should be worn when not actively participating on the field.

### **SOCIAL DISTANCING/CONTACT**

- Bleachers will be closed to everyone except players and used to allow players to stay spread out and social distance.
- Physical contact outside the course of the game is prohibited (hi-fives, etc.).
- Equipment-sharing should be avoided. Players are to maintain their own batter's helmet, glove, bat and catcher's equipment and keep it stored in their own bag except at which times it is being used during the activity.
- Baseballs – Each team will use their own baseballs when on defense. Balls to be sterilized during practice and play.
- Player/families/spectators are instructed not to show up to fields more than 40 minutes before game time.
- On field warm-up should be limited and no more than 30 minutes.
- It is recommended that umpires call balls and strikes behind the pitcher's mound. Umpires are also encouraged to use their own personal equipment.
- Only one person, the scorekeeper, is allowed in the score booth during the game. No exceptions. Scorekeeper must sanitize score booth after each use and are encouraged to bring their own equipment and/or writing utensils.

### **Special Parameters**

- We will continue to monitor state and local guidelines as to which activities are permitted based on Orange County's status.

**HVLL reserves the right to change or adjust requirements to conform to future city and state guidelines as conditions change.**

### #3 ASAP Requirement - Post and Distribute emergency and key league officials contact information.

The following are key contact information for HVLL:

**Wardlow Field Address:** 19761 Magnolia Street  
Huntington Beach, CA 92646

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 5111  
Huntington Beach CA 92615

**EMERGENCY Huntington Beach Police and Paramedics**

Huntington Beach Police (non-emergencies)  
Huntington Beach Paramedics (non-emergencies)

**Dial 911**

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## **#4 ASAP Requirement - Require volunteers to complete and submit the Official Little League Volunteer Application**

- It is a policy of Little League that all volunteers have a background screening. Each volunteer must fill out the volunteer application and background checks which will be made using First Advantage or another comparable process. The League President and Safety Officer will process these checks. The current 2021 Volunteer Application Form will be used.
- The Divisional Vice Presidents and Safety Officer will provide league updates, memorandum, and special notes as the need necessitates.
- Player roster data, as well as coach and manager data will be submitted via the Little League Data Center.

## **#5 & #6 ASAP Requirement - Provide fundamentals and first-aid training**

- HVLL goes to great lengths to provide as much training and instruction as possible. This year's mandatory Manager Meeting is on February 25, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.
- This year's Manager Training is on February 27 2021 at the HVLL fields. Additional safety information is provided at the Manager Meeting in addition to First-Aid procedures and training. These sessions are mandatory, and each team must have a minimum of one representative in attendance. Managers are required to attend meetings every year.
- The Divisional Vice Presidents and Safety Officer will provide league updates, memorandum, and special notes as they become available.
- HVLL provides many opportunities to managers and coaches to be safety conscious including first-aid kits and first-aid training.
- Player roster data, as well as coach and manager data will be submitted via the Little League Data Center.

## **“CODE OF CONDUCT” for Managers, Coaches, Players, Volunteers and Parents**

- **Speed Limit 5 MPH** in roadways and parking lots while attending any HVLL function. Watch for small children around parked cars.
- Parking ***ONLY IN DESIGNATED AREAS!*** Emergency vehicles must have a clear path at all times to gain access to the fields. Police will be called, and tickets will be issued and/or your vehicle will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. Be mindful and respectful of the surrounding neighborhoods. ***DO NOT ILLEGALLY PARK OR ENCROUCH ON A NEIGHBOR'S DRIVEWAY!***
- **No Alcohol** allowed in any parking lot, field, or common areas within HVLL complex.

- **No Playing in Parking Lots** at any time.
- **No Playing on and around Lawn Equipment.**
- **Use Crosswalks** when crossing roadways. Always be alert for traffic.
- **No Profanity** please.
- **No Swinging Bats or Throwing Baseballs** at any time within the walkways and common areas of the HVLL complex.
- **No Throwing Balls** against dugouts or against backstop. Catchers or portable nets must be used for all batting practice sessions.
- **No Throwing Rocks.**
- **No Horseplay** in walkways at any time.
- **No Climbing** fences.
- **No Pets** are permitted at HVLL games or practices.
- Only a player on the field “at bat” may swing a bat if they are between league-ages 4-12. In the Junior Division only the player on the field “at bat” or “on-deck” may swing a bat. Juniors should be alert of area around you when swinging bat while in the “on-deck” position.
- **Observe All Posted Signs.** Players and spectators should be alert at all times for foul balls and errant throws.
- During games, **Players Must Remain in the Dugout** area in an orderly fashion at all times if not participating on the field.
- After each game, each team must **Clean Up Trash** in dugout and around the stands. Teams must also include picking up their personal belongings especially after each game.
- **All Gates to the Field Must Remain Closed** at all times. After players have entered or left the playing field, gates should be closed.
- **No Children Under the age of 14** are permitted in the snack bar.

**Failure to comply with the above may result in expulsion from the HVLL field or complex.**

**Remember that safety is everyone’s job. Prevention is the key to reducing accidents to a minimum. All incidents can be avoided. Report all hazardous conditions to the Safety Officer or another Board member immediately. Don’t play on a field that is not safe or with unsafe playing equipment. Be sure your players are fully equipped at all times, especially catchers and batters. Check your team’s equipment often.**

## **#7 ASAP Requirement – Coaches, Umpires and volunteers required to walk fields for hazards before use**

Regular safety inspection of the field, permanent and temporary structures, ball playing equipment and personal protective equipment is the best way to determine which unsafe conditions require correction. The managers and grounds keepers should work together to ensure serious accident exposures are corrected promptly! It is good experience and good safety training to have the youngsters take part in the inspection.

The following list will be of assistance in determining conditions that cause accidents. Prompt action must be taken on all serious hazards. Some examples are:

- 1) Unsafe field conditions such as holes, ditches, rough or uneven spots, slippery areas and long grass.
- 2) Foreign objects like stones, broken glass, old boards, bottles, rakes, etc.
- 3) Incomplete or defective screens, including holes, sharp or loose edges.
- 4) Wire or link fencing should be checked regularly for similar defects, which could injure a participant.
- 5) Board fences should be free of protruding nails, loose boards, and splintered wood.
- 6) Forty (40) feet in the center section of the outfield fence should be painted a dark color and kept free of signs to provide a contrast with balls thrown toward home plate.
- 7) Bat rack should be used for all bats in the dugout.
- 8) The backstop should be padded and painted a dark color for the safety of the catcher.
- 9) The dugout should be clean and free of debris.
- 10) Dugouts and bleachers should be free of protruding nails and wood splinters.
- 11) Home plate, batter's box, bases and the area around the pitcher's rubber should be checked periodically for tripping and stumbling hazards.
- 12) Material used to mark the field should be a non-irritating white pigment (not lime).
- 13) Loose equipment such as bats, gloves, masks, balls, helmets, etc., must be kept off the ground.
- 14) The greatest, although the least frequent, hazard in connection with weather conditions is exposure to lightning. At the first indication of such a storm, everyone should leave the playing field. Safety should be the major factor when making a decision on canceling a practice or game because of bad weather or darkness.

## **Storage Shed Procedures**

The following applies to all of the storage sheds used by HVLL and to anyone who has been issued a key by HVLL to use those sheds.

- All individuals with keys to the HVLL equipment sheds (i.e. managers, umpires, field maintenance volunteers, etc.) are aware of their responsibilities for the orderly and safe storage of rakes, shovels, bases, etc.
- Before you use any machinery located in the shed (i.e. lawn mowers, weed whackers, lights, etc.) please locate and read the written operating procedures for the equipment.
- All chemicals or organic materials stored in HVLL 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.

## **#8 ASAP Requirement – Complete annual Little League Facility Survey in the Little League Data Center**

Little League Facility Survey is a physical review of fields for changes and needs. Facility Survey will be uploaded prior to tryouts or prior to official teams utilizing the fields for practice or games.

## **#9 ASAP Requirement – Written procedures for concession stand**

Proper food handling and preparation shall be in accordance with general safety guidelines and applicable health rules and regulations. The following are concession stand procedures:

### **GENERAL PROCEDURES**

- Food handling and preparation instructions are posted in the concession stand.
- Questions related to proper food handling shall be directed to the Safety Officer or appropriate Board member.

### **KEEP COLD FOOD COLD**

- Proper handling of uncooked meats shall be in accordance with instructions on food package.
- Keep meat refrigerated until ready to use. Only take out the meat that will immediately be cooked or placed on the grill. When using refrigerator avoid opening too often, which lets cold air out, and warm air in.
- Meats and other food items subject to spoilage shall be kept refrigerated.

### **KEEP EVERYTHING CLEAN**

Be sure there are plenty of clean utensils and platters. To prevent food borne illness, never use the same platter and utensils for raw and cooked meat. Harmful bacteria present in raw meat and their juices can contaminate safely cooked foods.



## **COOK THOROUGHLY**

- Cook food to a safe internal temperature to destroy harmful bacteria. Meat cooked on a grill often browns very fast on the outside. Use a tool to open cooking meat to insure browning on the inside as well, 160°F will ensure proper cooking. Never partially grill or cook meat and finish cooking later. One can reheat fully cooked meat that has been properly stored in refrigeration at a reheat temperature of 165°F or until steaming hot.
- Use of cooking equipment shall be by volunteers' age 16 and older and in accordance with equipment safety instructions.

## **KEEP HOT FOOD HOT**

After cooking meat on the grill keep it hot until served – at 140°F or warmer. Keep cooked meats hot by setting them to the side of the grill rack, not directly over the fire where they can become overcooked.

## **SERVING THE FOOD**

When taking food off the grill, use a clean platter. Never put cooked food on the same platter that held raw meat. Any harmful bacteria present in the raw meat juices could contaminate a safely cooked food. In hot weather (90°F or higher), food should never sit out more than one hour. Keep food covered at all times to protect from insects. Refrigerate any leftovers promptly in shallow containers. Discard any food left out more than two hours (one hour if outside temp is above 90°F).

## **OPENING CONCESSION STAND GUIDELINES**

1. No one ill or having symptoms of illness working in concession area.
2. No helper with open cuts or sores may be in the concession stand area (disposable gloves and colored bandages).
3. Identify and note any safety issue.
4. Unplug first gray cord to phone line.
5. Wash hands thoroughly.
6. Fill wiping cloth bucket with water and ½ teaspoon of bleach.
7. Start coffee/hot water.
8. Start crock pots of chili and cheese cook until thoroughly warmed.
9. Set up soda machine.
10. Set up non-perishable condiment table outside.
11. Place Icee flavors into tray.

12. Make popcorn.
13. Place hot dogs from refrigerator in steamer steam till thoroughly cooked 140°F or warmer.

### **DURING CONCESSION OPERATING HOURS**

1. Wash hands thoroughly.
2. Clean utensils with warm soapy water.
3. No perishables left out.
4. Identify and make note of any safety issue.
5. Keep candies stocked.
6. Keep water and Gatorade stocked in refrigerator.
7. During slow periods re-stock customer supplies (napkins, cups, condiments).
8. Wipe down and clean counters, refrigerator, and machines with clean towel.

### **CLOSING CONCESSION STAND GUIDELINES**

1. Clean coffee pots and popcorn machines thoroughly.
2. Clean crock-pots thoroughly with warm soapy water.
3. Clean hot dog machine thoroughly with warm soapy water.
4. Clean utensils with warm soapy water.
5. Put Icee flavors away and wipe down machine thoroughly.
6. Unplug microwaves and popcorn machine.
7. Make list of any safety issues; report them to Snack bar coordinator to be forwarded to the Safety Officer.
8. Sweep and mop floors thoroughly.
9. Plug phone back in.
10. Lock both bathrooms.

## **#10 ASAP Requirement – Regular inspection and replacement of playing equipment**

**Managers**, coaches and umpires will inspect equipment prior to each game to ensure the equipment is safe and within league requirements. **Equipment** must be inspected regularly for the condition of the equipment as well as for proper fit. Bad equipment should be disposed of and replaced immediately by the respective manager.

1. Helmets, masks, catcher's pads and shoes shall be inspected for proper fit. Cup supporters are required for all male catchers and are recommended for all male players in addition to regular supporters.
2. Bats should be inspected for orderly storage and secure grips and be free of cracks. Cracked or broken bats should never be used and be disposed.
3. The correct fitting and spruce appearance of uniforms has the indirect benefit of contributing to pride and morale, which stimulates our main safety objective of greater skill with fewer accidents.

## **#11 ASAP Requirement – Implement prompt accident reporting and tracking procedures**

### **What to report**

An incident that causes any player, manager, coach, umpire, or volunteer to receive medical treatment and/or first-aid must be reported to the Safety Officer. This includes even passive treatments such as the evaluation and diagnosis of the extent of the injury or periods of rest.

### **When to report**

All such incidents described above must be reported to the Safety Officer within 48 hours of the incident.

**The HVLL Safety Officer for 2021 is Frank Dispalatro.**

Please contact him at:

**(714) [536-4074](tel:536-4074) or [frank\\_hb@hotmail.com](mailto:frank_hb@hotmail.com)**

### **How to make the report**

Reporting incidents can come in a variety of forms. Most typically, they are telephone conversations. At a minimum, the following information must be provided:

- The name and phone number of the individual involved.
- The date, time, and location of the incident.
- As detailed a description of the incident as possible.
- The preliminary estimation of the extent of any injuries.
- The name and phone number of the person reporting the incident.

- Completed incident/injury-tracking report submitted to Safety Officer (or filed at the snack bar).

### **Safety Officer Responsibilities**

Within 48 hours of receiving the incident report, the Safety Officer will contact the injured party or the party's parents.

- 1) Verify the information received.
- 2) Obtain any other information deemed necessary.
- 3) Check on the status of the injured party; and
  - a. In the event that the injured party required other medical treatment (i.e., Emergency Room visit, doctor's visit, etc.) will advise the parent or guardian of the HVLL's insurance coverage and the provisions for submitting any claims.
  - b. If the extent of the injury is more than minor in nature, the Safety Officer shall periodically call the injured party to check on the status of any injuries. If any other assistance is necessary in areas such as submission of insurance forms, etc., the Safety Officer will provide such assistance until such time as the incident is considered "closed."

### **#12 ASAP Requirement – Require a first-aid kit at each game and practice**

Managers, coaches and umpires must have training in first-aid. First-aid kits are issued to each team manager and are located at the concession stand. First-aid kits must be present at all games and practices.

### **Important Actions to be performed by Managers and Coaches**

1. Reassure and aid children who are injured, frightened, or lost.
2. Provide or assist in obtaining medical attention for those who require it.
3. Carry your first-aid kit to all games and practices.
4. Keep your "Prevention and Emergency Management of Little League Baseball and Softball Injuries" booklet with your first-aid kit.
5. Assist those who require medical attention – and when administering aid, remember to...
  - **LOOK** for signs of injury (blood, black and blue deformity of joint, etc.).
  - **LISTEN** to the injured child describe what happened and what hurts if conscious.
  - **FEEL** gently and carefully the injured area for signs of swelling or grating of broken bone.

6. Have your players' Medical Release Forms with you at all games and practices.
7. Make arrangements to have a cellular phone available during practice and games.
8. Don't administer any medications.
9. Don't provide any food or beverages (other than water).
10. Don't hesitate in giving aid when needed.

### **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 fluid are anticipated (provided in first-aid kit).
- 3) Immediately wash hands and other skin surface 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.

### **#13 ASAP Requirement – Enforce Little League rules including proper equipment**

- 1) Games or practices should not be held when weather or field conditions are unsafe, particularly when lighting is inadequate.
- 2) Coaches and umpires must walk the play area to inspect it before each game or practice for holes, damage, stones, glass and other foreign objects.
- 3) All team equipment should be stored within the team dugout, or behind screens, and not within the area defined by the umpires as "in play".
- 4) Only players, managers, coaches, and umpires are permitted on the playing field or in the dugout during games and practice sessions.
- 5) Responsibility for keeping bats and loose equipment off the field of play should be that of a player assigned for this purpose or the team's manager and coaches.
- 6) During practice and games, all players should be alert and watching the batter on each pitch.
- 7) During warm-up drills, players should be spaced so that no one is endangered by wild throws or missed catches.
- 8) Batters must wear Little League approved protective helmets during batting practice and games.

- 9) Catcher must wear catcher's helmet, mask, throat guard, long model chest protector, shin guards and protective cup with athletic supporter at all times (males) for all practices and games. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- 10) Except when runner is returning to a base, headfirst slides are not permitted.
- 11) During sliding practice, bases should not be strapped down or anchored.
- 12) At no time should "horse play" be permitted on the playing field.
- 13) Player must not wear watches, rings, pins or metallic items during games and practices.
- 14) Managers and coaches may not warm up pitchers before or during a game.
- 15) On-deck batters are not permitted (except in Junior Division)
- 16) **Little League rules will be strictly enforced at all games and practices by Managers, Coaches and Umpires.**

#### **#14 ASAP Requirement – Submit League Player Registration data to the Data Center**

- Appropriate board member uploads into the Little League Data Center the 2021 Season Registration Data Summary which includes total records, players, managers, coaches, volunteers, etc.

#### **#15 ASAP Requirement – Submit 2021 A Safety Awareness Program Safety Plan and all additional requested information**

- Upload completed Safety Plan document to the Little League Data Center
- Complete the submission process and confirm that safety manual meets the 15 ASAP requirements.
- Sign and submit safety manual submission.

### **OTHER SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **Expectations for Managers and Coaches**

- Be on time for all practices and games.
- Be as fair as possible in giving playing time to all players.
- Do my best to teach the fundamentals of the game.
- Be positive and respect each child as an individual.
- Set reasonable expectations for each child and for the season.

- Teach the players the value of winning and losing.
- Be open to ideas, suggestions or help.
- Try not to become upset at their mistakes or those of others. We will all make our share this year and we must support one another.
- Never shout at any member of my team, the opposing team or umpires. Any confrontation will be handled in a respectful, quiet and individual manner.

## **Expectations from parents and family**

- Come out and enjoy the game. Cheer to make all players feel important.
- Allow the coaches and run the team. Try not to question the coach's leadership. All players will make mistakes and so will coaches.
- Do not shout at the players, umpires or coaches. They are all responsible for setting examples for our children.
- If we eliminate negative comments, the children will have an opportunity to play without any unnecessary pressures and will learn the value of sportsmanship.
- If you wish to question the coach's strategies or leadership, please do not do so in front of the players or fans. Their phone numbers will be available for you to call at any time if you have a concern.
- If you wish or desire to offer your services at practice, a helping hand is always welcome.

Finally, don't expect the majority of children playing Little League baseball to have strong skills. We hear all our lives that we learn from our mistakes. Let's allow them to make their mistakes, but always be there with positive support to lift their spirits!