



Westwood Little League

2020 Revised Season

Distribution to Families/Coaches/Spectators/D2 Leagues
& Administration

June 14, 2020

Dear Little League Family,

Westwood is proud to offer a revised 2020 season of baseball and softball for our community. We have closely monitored the Governor's orders and are following the advice and recommendations from Little League International, federal, state and local health officials, while also balancing the safety of our community and league. Little League International has encouraged leagues across the country to have a season while following the advice of those listed above.

The Westwood LL Board of Directors has created a "restart framework" that describes how we will administer a 2020 season. As a community based organization, our mission is to provide a safe and fun environment for children to play softball and baseball. And as a community, we believe everyone who elects to participate in this season must take personal responsibility to adhere to all safety measures and make decisions that benefit and protect everyone. It is imperative if you or your player are ill or experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19, or have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for the virus, that you do not allow your player or yourself to participate in any activity that would put others at risk.

In the following pages you will see how we are maintaining social distancing, following sanitizing/cleaning best practices, and what we ask of you if you elect to participate.

Please read these guidelines and determine if your player will participate in the Westwood Little League 2020 season. Registration is open to Westwood and our neighboring leagues who were not able to have a season. Follow the link below to the appropriate location to register your player.

Thank you,

WWLL Board of Directors

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Season Dates

Open sign up	June 15 through June 24
Teams assembled	June 25/26
Teams & schedules completed	June 29
Practice	June 30 through July 5
Games	July 6 through July 31

Registration is not a guarantee to play; placement on a team will depend on how many players and coaches we have in the division where you have registered.

Westwood Player Registration

If you registered at Westwood this season, please let us know your play/no play decision by June 24th using the link found below. You do not need to register on the WWLL website - use the link below and complete the information required.

Westwood Player Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/aEJrRCsgoUj8EfA66>

Other League Registration

We are opening registration to neighboring leagues who are not able to play this year. If you play at another league and wish to participate at Westwood, please register on our Westwood website at the link below.

Other League Registration Link: <https://www.westwoodll.com/>

Eligible Divisions

- Eligible divisions are Minors (7-8 year olds), Little Majors (9-10), Majors (11-12), Juniors (13-14), and Seniors (15-16).
- T-ball and 50/70 divisions will not be available for the shortened season

Playing with Social Distancing

- Players will sit with one parent or guardian along fence posts - no players inside the dugout
- Catcher sets up in their normal position as an at bat is not considered "prolonged contact"
- The umpire will make calls from behind the mound/circle OR from 6 feet behind the catcher - the umpire will choose his/her position to make calls
- Tag outs will be made per normal rules as a tag is not considered "prolonged contact"
- Stealing is allowed per normal rules
- Bleachers will be removed from each field
- Non-essential spectators should be limited

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Use of Masks

- Masks are not required to be worn per State of Michigan guidance for outdoor venues
- Masks are encouraged to be used by players, coaches, parents, and spectators but will not be monitored

Equipment

- Players are encouraged to use their own bats and helmets; it is assumed players will have their own glove/mitt, batting gloves and other equipment
- Westwood LL will provide league-owned equipment for use by each team
- Coaches will receive an equipment bag based on the needs of their team, for example, a team of 12 has 6 players with their own helmet, therefore the coach will be issued 6 helmets for use by the remaining players
- Each team will mark their Westwood-provided helmets for individual use - a piece of tape with the players name will be affixed to the helmet
- Shared equipment will be placed in the dugout per normal; all bats belonging to players will also be required to stay in the dugout for safety reasons
- Other personal equipment (gloves, batting glove, helmet, etc) will be kept with the player
- Players who use league-owned equipment will receive their helmets or catchers gear at the beginning of each game and will keep it with them throughout the duration of the game
- At the end of the game players will return their helmet or gear and it will be sanitized and placed back into the equipment bag
- WWLL owned bats will be made available and be placed inside the dugout
- The coach and/or parent volunteers will designate someone to sanitize all bats as they come out of play, equipment after each use and/or at the end of the game, and keep balls sanitized at the end of each half-inning
- Shared bats will be sanitized after each use
- Limiting the number of balls being used and shared by both teams - the defensive team will use their own game balls for each outing, e.g., after three outs the defensive team will take the game ball off the field and the team who is now taking defense will bring their own game ball onto the field
- Coaches will be responsible for their equipment bag per normal protocol

Concessions

- WWLL will provide a full concession stand in accordance with state and local health regulations
- Those working in concession will have a health check at the start of their shift, including a temperature check.
- Concessions volunteers are required to wear both gloves and a mask (provided by WWLL) and maintain proper cleaning and disinfection standards

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Reporting

- Westwood LL will work with the appropriate governing bodies if notified by the State of a positive case and will follow their recommended protocol.
- If any other safety concerns arise, please notify Westwood's Safety Officer, Julie Shepperly, 269-420-0407

Umpires

- Umpires will include a mix of Little League District 2 and students from our umpire program

Interleague / Traveling to Other Leagues

- It is unlikely at this time that teams will travel to other sites
- WWLL will only travel to other leagues who have adopted these same rules or a commensurate level of appropriate rules

Bathrooms

- WWLL will secure portapotties and portable hand washing stations to be placed throughout the park
- These stations will be cleaned and sanitized on a frequent basis
- Permanent bathrooms that are part of the concessions stand will be closed.

Draft / Formation of Teams

- The Westwood LL Player Agent and Vice Presidents of Baseball/Softball will create all teams; there will not be a coach-based draft
- We will attempt to balance each team and honor player requests

Uniforms

- We *may* do a simplified uniform order pending printer availability - TBD
- If we do not provide uniforms all Westwood players will receive a \$25 credit toward next years fees; players from other leagues will receive a refund

Coaches

Please let us know if you are interested in coaching a team

Questions/Comments

We welcome your feedback and are happy to answer your questions. You may contact any of the Westwood Little League Board Members below or email the league at westwoodll.mi@gmail.com.

Dave Schramm, President
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Sara Hanson, VP Softball	269-274-4138
Julie Shepperly, Safety Officer	269-420-0407
Don McNally, Information Officer	269-598-2029
Colin Ozanich, Player Agent	269-599-0494

You may also contact Bruce Scheck, State of Michigan District 2 Little League Administrator, 269-762-2172

What to Do Next

If you elect to participate in the Westwood Little League 2020 season, please follow the link below that pertains to you. Westwood players DO NOT need to complete the registration process on our website. Simply fill out the online form at the link below. Players from other leagues MUST register on our website.

Westwood Players Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/aEJrRCsgoUj8EfA66>

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