



Sutter Area Little League 2020 Post COVID-19 Operations Protocol (Effective 5/4/2020)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES: Safeguarding the health, safety and well-being of players, coaches, volunteers, family members and support personnel must be the number one priority. Specific measures should be introduced to protect all parties who continue to play, coach and help take care of the children in our league.

Spectators and Visitors

1. Anyone above the age of two years old not on the field of play **MUST** wear a mask/facial covering at all times.
2. Households may sit together. Anyone from separate households **MUST** engage in social distancing and remain at least six feet apart.
3. The Board Member On-Duty has the right to refuse admittance of any person if the number of individuals on premises exceeds the facility's capacity to maintain social distancing.
4. When waiting in line, please adhere to marked waiting space to maintain six feet of social distancing.
5. Please wash your hands often. Utilize hand wash stations and hand sanitizer stations located throughout Perry Field.
6. If you have a cough or fever, please do not enter Perry Field or nearby viewing areas.
7. Please do not shake hands or engage in unnecessary physical contact.
8. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. Practice respiratory etiquette (maintain distance of at least six feet), cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or flexed elbow, wash hands). If coughing persists, isolate and seek medical advice.
9. Avoid contact with sick people, including avoiding close contact with those suffering from acute respiratory infections.
10. Avoid contact with anyone if you are ill.
11. The guidelines and rules set forth in the "Order of the Bi-County Public Health Officer for Sutter and Yuba Counties," effective 5/4/2020 shall govern all operations.
12. Failure to abide and comply with any rule shall lead to the removal of the violating party. If the violating party refuses to leave, the responsible team manager will be asked to address it. If the violating party still refuses to leave, the manager will be ejected from the game. If the violating party still refuses to leave, the responsible team shall forfeit and the game will end immediately.



Gameplay

1. Players and on-field personnel (managers, coaches, assistants and umpires) shall not be required to wear masks or facial coverings.
2. All players and on-field personnel (managers, coaches, assistants and umpires) shall have their temperature checked by the Board Member(s) on duty prior to beginning any type of activity on Perry Field, using a contact-less thermometer. If the temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher, they will not be allowed on Perry Field or to participate in any other Little League activities for 72 hours.
3. The traditional “home plate” umpire shall take position behind the pitcher’s mound to officiate. The umpire may move around the field as needed to properly officiate during play, but must return to an area of the field that will allow for social distancing.
4. In order to maintain social distancing while batting, batters will take position at the front of the batter’s box. The catcher will position himself/herself no less than six feet away from the batter.
5. No more than three players will be allowed in the dugout at one time. When the batting team is up, the batter will be on the field (batting); batters #2, 3 and 4 will be in the dugout maintaining at least six feet of social distancing; all other players will be lined up outside of the dugout at an allotted spot along the fence line, also adhering to six feet social distancing. All players on the offensive team must wear helmets at all times. An additional Board approved coach/assistant will be required (a total of one manager and three additional coaches/assistants) to monitor the players.
6. Bats will be disinfected after each at bat by the bench coach.
7. For Majors Baseball – Rules 6.05(b) and 6.09(b) (“dropped third strike rule”) shall be suspended until further notice.
8. For Farm (Coach Pitch) – Only six defensive players will take the field at one time. The remaining players on the team shall play the following inning to ensure equitable playing time. Players on the defensive team not on the field shall be divided as follows: no more than three players in the dugout (maintaining social distancing of six feet or more); with all remaining players outside of the dugout, as prescribed during batting. The additional Board approved coach/assistant will be required (a total of one manager and three additional coaches/assistants) shall monitor the players.
9. Only catchers will be permitted to bring their baseball bags inside of the dugout. All other players must personally hold/carry all equipment needed for play (except for bats which will be hung in the dugout; and fielding equipment while the player is actively batting or on base).
10. During gameplay, it is recognized that players may come into contact with and/or near each other (i.e. tag out, etc.). Please minimize the time spent near each other after the gameplay action is completed.
11. Players and coaches shall wash or sanitize their hands at least once between innings; or more often if needed.



12. No game at any level shall exceed one hour and 45 minutes. If gameplay is still going when the time limit occurs, it will be at the discretion of the Chief Umpire and Board Member(s) on duty whether to continue. Minimum inning requirements (regarding a full game played) will be waived until further notice.
13. Mandatory play requirements (Regulation IV) for players shall be adhered as best as possible. If a player is unable to complete mandatory play requirements because of time restrictions, the player shall start the following game and not be substituted until mandatory play time has been completed for both games. If the umpire and/or Board Member(s) on duty determine mandatory play requirements were not met due to negligence or malice, or any other manner not consistent with the core ethics and values of Little League, the manager shall be subject to discipline determined by the Board of Directors.
14. Avoid contact with sick people, including avoiding close contact with those suffering from acute respiratory infections.
15. Avoid contact with anyone if you are ill. Players' eligibility or play time will not be affected for missing time while sick for any reason.
16. All managers shall be responsible for monitoring their team, players, coaches and parents/spectators in attendance, as to the adherence to this Operations Protocol, as well as the guidelines and rules set forth in the "Order of the Bi-County Public Health Officer for Sutter and Yuba Counties," effective 5/4/2020.



Staff Requirements (Board Members, Snack Bar Workers, etc.)

1. All SALL volunteers, employees or anyone acting on behalf of SALL shall wear a mask/facial covering at all times. Those identified as on-field personnel during games are exempt from this rule, while on the field during the game. Once the game is over and they have left the field of play, they will also be required to don a mask/facial covering.
2. All SALL volunteers, employees or anyone acting on behalf of SALL shall have their temperature checked by the Board Member(s) on duty prior to beginning any type of activity on Perry Field, using a contact-less thermometer. If the temperature is 100.4 degrees or higher, they will not be allowed on Perry Field or to participate in any other Little League activities for 72 hours.
3. Anyone working inside of the snack bar and/or handling food or drinks shall wear gloves and head/hair coverings at all times.
4. Avoid contact with sick people, including avoiding close contact with those suffering from acute respiratory infections.
5. Avoid contact with anyone if you are ill.
6. The Board Member(s) on duty shall be responsible for monitoring adherence to this Operations Protocol, as well as the guidelines and rules set forth in the "Order of the Bi-County Public Health Officer for Sutter and Yuba Counties," effective 5/4/2020.
7. The Board Member(s) on duty reserve the right to remove anyone failing to abide and comply with any rule. If the violating party refuses to comply or leave, the Board Member(s) shall stop the game and have the responsible team manager address the issue. If the violating party still refuses to comply or leave, the manager will be ejected from the game. If the violating party still refuses to comply or leave, the responsible team shall forfeit and the game will end immediately.