



Reno American Little League

Covid-19 Game Safety/Practice Protocol

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Facility Set-Up & Check-In Plan

1. The northern entrance to the field complex will be gated off during game operations. The eastern entrance will be used as the main entrance, and the southern entrance shall be the exit for the complex to reduce cross-traffic.
2. The snack bar will be closed during game operations.
3. Bathroom occupancy is limited to one person at a time.
4. Check-in process
 - a) All players, coaches and umpires must be screened at the check-in table located at the eastern entrance of the complex.
 - b) Officer of the Day (OOD) will document game attendees and responses to the screening questions on the league issued tracking form.
 - c) Parents/spectators will not be allowed in the complex but will be allowed to watch beyond the outfield fencing maintain 6 ft of distancing between others.

Health Assessment

1. Testing
 - a) All volunteers, staff, managers, coaches, and umpires are required to take a Covid-19 test prior to the start of the spring season in order to be eligible to participate in league games and practices. ([NV Directive 034](#))
2. Screening
 - a) All managers, coaches and umpires must stay home if feeling ill. All attendees are encouraged to self-screen before coming to the ballfields. [Self-screening tool](#)
 - b) Before each game, the OOD will screen all coaches, players, and umpires All attendees will have their temperature monitored via touchless thermometer prior to entry. asking the following questions:
 - i. Have you felt sick the last 7 days with fever (100.4 or higher), chills, cough, sore throat, body aches, new loss of taste or smell?
 1. If answered, "Yes", they will not be allowed to enter the premises and asked to leave.
 - ii. "Have you been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?"
 1. If answered yes, they will not be allowed to enter. Additionally, they must home quarantine for 11 days after exposure and provide medical clearance to return.

- c) All attendees will have their temperature monitored via touchless thermometer prior to entry to the complex.
 - d) All attendees will receive hand sanitizer upon entering the complex.
 - e) If a coach, or umpire, observes a player displaying symptoms, they must have the player stop participation immediately. A touchless thermometer will be available to all managers. The manager will ask the player to find their parent/guardian to leave the facility and not return to play until 14 days later.
3. Documentation
- a) All managers, coaches, players and league officials will have attendance lists and entry responses will be kept in the league binders. Check-in documentation will be signed off by the league's President, VP, or Safety Officer each night. [Sample documentation example](#)
- Confirmed Cases
- a. If a manager, coach, player, umpire or league official tests positive for COVID-19, or has been recently exposed, League officials will assess the timeline of exposure and potential team exposure on a case-by-case basis to determine further preventive measures to be taken.
 - b. Individuals, or their household members, that test positive for COVID-19 should immediately isolate and seek medical advice. Confirmed, diagnosed and exposed individuals must home quarantine for 14 days and provide medical clearance before returning to league activities.

Capacity and Game Logistics

1. There will be no more than fifty (50) total people (players, managers, coaches, umpires) per field
 - a. Bleachers will not be used. Parents/spectators will not be allowed to view the game in the complex defined as the end of the dugouts on each field.
 - b. Parents/spectators may watch 6 ft apart beyond the dugout and around the outfield fence. Player spacing while on offense and defense are outlined in [Diagram Z](#). There will be no more than 2 players allowed in the dugout at one time.
2. Players
 - i. Defensive Team
 1. Defensive team can have up to 2 players in the dugout if those players do not have a defensive position in the defensive half inning. Additional players with no defensive position will watch the game from their respective bullpen area.
 2. Warming up pitchers. A coach pitcher, and catcher can warm up in the nearest bullpen on Fields 3 & 4.
 - ii. Offensive Team
 1. All bats, helmets, and catcher's gear will be stored in the dugout.
 2. Only two (2) players will be allowed in the dugout at any one time. Those players will be the "on deck" & "in-the-hole" batters.
 3. Offensive team will have the remainder of their players inside the bullpen area with their gloves, lined up in their set batting order. 6 ft separation distance must be maintained in the bullpen.
 4. A coach near the bullpen will coordinate the batting order. The player that is due up 4th in the upcoming half-inning will be first in bullpen line and must be ready to rotate into the dugout.
 5. Upon entering the dugout, players will place their hat and glove on the bench, then put on a batting helmet, batting gloves, etc. to get ready to bat. Six (6) ft distance must be maintained while in the dugout.

6. Offensive players who are called out, or score, as the inning continues will return their helmet to the dugout, pick up their hat & glove from the bench, and immediately exit the field and return to their proper rotational spot in their team's bullpen. Play will be paused until offensive players are fully rotated.
3. Coaches
 - i. Each team will have 3 on-field coaches.
 - ii. Defensive Team
 1. One coach will be allowed at the end of the dugout. Additional coaches will watch from the bullpen.
 2. Manager will sit at the dugout opening giving adequate space for other to enter the dugout.
 3. Pitching visits. Managers/coaches will maintain 6 ft of distance during mound visits.
 - iii. Offensive Team
 1. Base Coaches Base Coaches will remain in a marked coach's box. Base coaches must always maintain 6 ft distance from baserunners or defensive players.
 2. A coach near the bullpen will coordinate the batting order and must maintain 6 ft distance from players.

Umpires

1. Home umpire will stand 6 feet behind the pitcher to call balls and strikes.
2. Field umpire will maintain 6 ft of distance to any player.

Guidelines for Coaches & Players

1. Arrival & Departure Timing ([NV Health requirements via LEAP](#))
 - a. Games shall be timed to allow at least a 30 minute break between the finish of one game and the start of a subsequent game, to allow for departure and arrival without crowding.
 - b. Players, coaches and umpires will be asked to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to a game.
2. Social Distancing Requirements
 - a. All managers, coaches, and umpires must maintain 6 ft of social distance. Social distancing compliance will be monitored the RALL Officer of the Day (OOD).
 - b. Managers, coaches and umpires must wear masks at all times. ([NV Health requirements via LEAP](#))
 - c. Players must wear a face-covering while not active in the game (eg. Waiting to bat or in the bullpen)
 - d. Players shall not congregate before or after the game ([NV Health requirements via LEAP](#))
 - e. No high fives or fist bumps between players or coaches. Managers, coaches and players should tip their cap to acknowledge a good play or provide recognition. Contact congratulatory actions will result in ejection.

Sanitization

1. Equipment & Sanitation

- a. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be provided and accessible in every dugout.
- b. Players are encouraged to use hand sanitizer after playing catch or handling the ball during a defensive half-inning.
- c. Clean game balls will be cycled in every half-inning, or every 30 minutes, whichever occurs first.
- d. Personal equipment, equipment bags and belongings must be lined up along the exterior of the fence and a minimum of 6 ft apart. ([NV Health requirements via LEAP](#))
- e. Players cannot share personal equipment (bats, gloves, etc.). Players who need additional equipment (eg., helmet) will be issued league equipment to use for the entire spring season.
- f. Players must bring their own water bottles. No team water or cups allowed.
- g. No team snacks unless in individual packages. No shared containers or snacks of any kind.
- h. No spitting, or eating sunflower seeds, gum, or similar products. ([NV Health requirements via LEAP](#))
- i. Managers & coaches must clean the handles of any field equipment used to prepare the field with disinfecting wipes following their use.
- j. Managers & coaches must clean the handles to all gates (field entrance, dugout entrance, bullpen entrance) with disinfecting wipes at the conclusion of each game.
- k. Players, coaches, and umpires must use hand sanitizer before leaving the field at the end of the game.

DIAGRAM Z

