



## **South Salem Little League**

### **Safety Manual: Parent Handbook Edition**

#### **Introduction:**

This Safety Manual is the South Salem Little League Safety Plan for preventing injuries during practices and games and for responding immediately and effectively in case an injury does occur. A more extensive manual that is given to each coach is approved by the Board of Directors of South Salem Little League as well as the Little League Baseball Inc. Headquarters in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

#### **Background:**

Little League Headquarters has taken a strong stand in emphasizing safety in all its leagues around the world. 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, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for the kids and all participants of Little League Baseball.

#### **Authority:**

At the beginning of each league year (October- September), the President of South Salem Little League shall appoint a member of the Board of Directors to serve as the League's Safety Officer during that year. The safety officer shall be responsible for; (1) updating the Safety Manual, which is the League's Safety Plan; (2) presenting the updated Manual to the Board of Directors for approval no later than the March Board meeting; (3) supervising the implementation of the manual; (4) giving a safety report in person or in writing at each board meeting; and, (5) providing the President and Board with a written report at the end of the League year.

The President also shall appoint a Safety Committee composed of the safety officer as the chairperson, the chief umpire, the field director, the equipment coordinator, and the vice president. The Safety Committee shall meet on an as-needed basis for the purpose of resolving safety problems or issues not covered by the Safety Manual and presented to them by the Safety Officer, the Board of Directors, or the President. The Safety Committee shall consider such issues and provide a written report with recommendations for action to the Board of Directors. In the event of an emergency, the safety officer or the Safety Committee shall report immediately to the President, who shall take the action necessary to resolve the issue at hand.

# Code of Conduct

To ensure a positive experience for everyone, South Salem Little League maintains a zero-tolerance policy for any form of misconduct or abuse—mental, physical, emotional, or sexual—between players, coaches, parents/guardians/caretakers, spectators, volunteers, or any other individuals involved. All participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of respect, safety, and sportsmanship at all times.

## Adult Code of Conduct:

Please follow these guidelines at all Little League events:

- **Cheer Positively:** Encourage all players, and keep the cheers supportive and kind.
- **Respect Coaches and Officials:** Let coaches coach and officials make the calls. Respect their decisions. **DO NOT** argue with decisions on the field.
- **Be a Good Sport:** Win or lose, set a great example for the kids by always showing good sportsmanship.
- **Keep It Family-Friendly:** Avoid offensive language or behavior. Let's keep the games fun for all ages!
- **Follow Requests from Coaches and Umpires:** Coaches and umpires have the authority to address any inappropriate behavior and may ask individuals to leave if necessary.

By participating in South Salem Little League, parents and guardians also agree to hold their players accountable to the Player Code of Conduct outlined below.

## Player Code of Conduct:

As a player please follow these guidelines at games, practices, and all Little League events:

- **Play Fair:** Always play by the rules and show respect for the game.
- **Respect Others:** Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and spectators with kindness and respect.
- **Give Your Best Effort:** Hustle, work hard, and maintain a positive attitude, whether winning or losing.
- **Show Good Sportsmanship:** Celebrate victories with humility and handle losses with grace.
- **Be a Team Player:** Support and encourage teammates, and put team goals ahead of individual accomplishments.