



2021 Little League Safety Protocols

We have always prioritized the safety and well being of our athletes. This year's baseball season will be a little more challenging than prior years and will consist of outdoor "Team Practice Camps". Each Little League team will operate as its own practice camp, with no interaction (i.e. games or scrimmages) with other teams. Each team will operate as a stable group of players (aka "cohort"). Once assigned to a team and practice camps begin, a player may not change from one team to another. The league has had to put together a few contingency plans to prep for this coming year.

PLAYERS:

- Will wear a mask/gaiter within 6 Feet of another player or coach.
- Will remain socially distant (SIX feet or more apart) from teammates as much as possible.
- Will not share equipment with other teammates.
- Will keep gear hung on outside of the dugout (Six feet apart).
- ALL players should bring "single use" drink OR labeled, reusable drink containers, AND each player should be the ONLY person who touches their drink container.
- NO sunflower seeds, gum, food of any kind, or spitting at any time on the field.
- Players and families should leave fields of practice quickly to allow time for transitions between teams.

MANAGERS/COACHES:

- Managers will need to perform a health check questionnaire.
- Managers (or a coach) are required to do a temperature check of each player and coach that will be on the field and will clear each child for play.
- Managers (or a Coach) must keep logs of attendance.
- MUST wear masks/gaiters for ALL practices when within 6 feet of another player.
- Will run drills to keep the kids socially distant as much as possible.
- NO catchers are allowed during drills with hitters.
- Managers/coaches should have hand sanitizer for all practices.
- Will make sure that there is NO shared equipment between players.
- Managers and coaches will make sure that there are NO sunflower seeds, gum, food of any kind, or spitting on the field.

FAMILIES

- MUST wear face coverings (masks) when picking up their child/children at the field.



- Should only drop their athlete off and wait in the car while the athlete is being cleared for play.
- Should wait for their child in their car during practice time.
- We are not allowing family members on the field unless you are a team member, coach or manager.

Operating Protocol

- Half Moon Bay Little League will ensure that managers have a forehead thermometer, hand sanitizer, and other needed supplies.
- Will ensure that families, players, managers and coaches are well-informed about all safety guidelines that teams must follow.
- Will spread out scheduling of practice sessions so there is enough time for the kids/families from one session to leave and the next group to arrive.
- Try to keep teams in groups of (12) twelve players.
- Teams will have one manager and up to three assistant coaches.

Sick Players, Family members and Coaches:

- Children with symptoms or a fever will be sent home and encouraged to seek COVID-19 testing. Parents or caregivers will be instructed to follow the criteria from the quarantine and isolation directives (available at <https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus>) before returning to Summer Camp. If they are required to self-quarantine or self-isolate, they may only return to the camp after they have completed self-quarantine or self-isolation. If they test negative for the virus (no virus found), they may only return to camp after waiting for the amount of time listed on the link above after their symptoms have resolved. Children are not required to provide a medical clearance letter in order to return to camp as long as they have met the requirements outlined in the above link