

Sky Valley Little League will be following all recommendations from the Washington State Governor's office, and the most recent guidelines from the "Healthy Washington" initiative. The below guidelines reflect changes announced by the governor on May 13, and effective May 18.

Phase 3 (per Washington state guidelines)

- Per the Governor's announcement to follow new CDC guidelines regarding masks, facial coverings will be required for all unvaccinated coaches and volunteers at all times. Most Little League athletes are not yet eligible for vaccinations, but may remove them when in the field of play.
- Sports competitions and tournaments allowed for all risk categories. Maximum spectators allowed 400 with capacity restriction depending on facility.

Phase Three Procedures

General Requirements — All Participants

- Must remain home if ANYONE in household is ill
- Strongly encouraged to take temperature prior to leaving for field and to stay home if temperature is elevated
- If unvaccinated, must wear a mask or face covering at all times when not engaged in the actual game on the field (athletes)
- Must go directly to your designated field (No viewing other games)
- Must maintain 6-ft social distancing with anyone not in your household
- Spectators are not allowed in player areas (dugouts, fields, etc.)
- Spectators must maintain 6-ft distance from backstops and dugouts
- Hand washing or sanitizing at regular intervals is strongly recommended
- When available, must use bathroom provided at your designated field — maintain 6-ft buffer around the door
- Upon conclusion of the practice or game, leave your designated field promptly (don't mingle with other parents, etc.)

Player Requirements

- Must maintain 6-ft social distancing while off the field of play
- Must wear a mask or face covering and use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the field, during the event (when not on the field) and leaving the field
- Adhere to proper hygiene requirement of not touching their face
- Must not share clothing, equipment, food or water
- All equipment must be clearly marked so player can readily identify (no permanent markings on bats)
- Must adhere to no-touch rule (No high fives, handshakes, etc.)
- Must clean dugout of any trash after practice / game

Coach Requirements

- Ensure that all participants adhere to all requirements
- For each event, must keep a roster of every player, coach, volunteer and spectator to aid in contact tracing in the event of a possible exposure. Rosters must be kept for at least 28 days after the event.
- Temperature check of all players and coaches with information recorded and kept with roster. Temperature must be below 100.4 in order to participate.
- Maintain 6-ft social distancing when possible
- If unvaccinated, must wear a mask or face covering and use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the field, during the event and leaving the field
- Must adhere to no-touch rule (no high fives, handshakes, etc.)
- Must sanitize shared catcher's equipment between uses (all other equipment sharing is prohibited)

- Must clean dugout of any trash after practice or game
- No beverage or snack exchange after practices or games

Umpire Requirements

- Must maintain 6-ft social distancing when possible (base umpires must always maintain 6-ft social)
- If unvaccinated, must wear a mask or face covering and use hand sanitizer upon arriving to the field, during the event and leaving the field
- Must adhere to no-touch rule (no high fives, handshakes, etc.)
- Equipment safety check should be completed visually
- Balls and strikes should be called from an adequate distance behind the catcher

Phase 3 Practice Procedures

- Managers to ensure that return-to-play requirements for all participants, including players, coaches and umpires are followed
- Waiting on the sidelines prior to the start of the reservation is not allowed (If you arrive early, wait in your vehicle)
- Managers are required to track attendance for contact tracing purposes
- Players and coaches may not enter the playfield until the start of their reservation
- Equipment bags to be spaced 6-ft apart in dugouts or surrounding area
- Full team practices are allowed while maintaining 6-ft social distancing when possible
- All equipment and garbage must be removed, and the field vacated by all participants 15 minutes prior to the end of the reservation

Phase 3 Game Procedures

- Managers to ensure that all return-to-play requirements for all participants, including players, coaches and umpires are followed
- Waiting on the sidelines prior to the start of the reservation is not allowed (If you arrive early, wait in your vehicle)
- Managers are required to track attendance for contact tracing purposes
- Players and coaches may not enter the playfield until the start of their reservation
- Staggered start times to limit numbers at entry and exit points
- Equipment bags to be spaced 6-ft apart in dugouts or surrounding area
- Maintain social distancing during the pre-game plate meeting.
- One coach must always be in dugout
- A coach will be required to retrieve the player's bat by the bat head (Not the bat handle) after an at bat
- Each team will be required to provide their own game balls for use when on-field, including extras for foul balls (A coach is required to provide players with a game ball after an out-of-play foul ball)
- Players are to maintain 6-ft social distance when possible on-field, including while returning to the dugout
- On-field meetings should include no more than 2 players / coaches while maintaining 6-ft social distancing
- Any shared catching equipment must be sanitized between uses (All other equipment sharing is prohibited)
- Players and families to leave immediately after the game concludes