

2025 Imperial Valley Challenger Little League Safety Plan

A Safety Awareness Program (ASAP)

Imperial Valley Challenger Little League Safety Plan Goals:

- ✓ Safety for our league's players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators
- ✓ Comply with Little League standards and guidelines
- ✓ Awareness for ALL coaches on safety procedures
- ✓ Special focus for all new coaches to our league regarding safety procedures
- ✓ Ensure all coaches have first aid kits with them during all practices and games
- ✔ Publish and distribute the safety manual to coaches and umpires
- ✓ Equipment: Safety Officer or Coach is required to conduct a quality inspection on all equipment prior to the season. Any equipment deemed unsafe and not meeting Little League criteria will be removed from the equipment inventory until necessary repairs are made.

ASAP Safety Plan Requirements:

Requirement 1 - Safety Officer

Requirement 2 - Safety Manual Distribution

Requirement 3 - Emergency Plan

Requirement 4 - Volunteer Application

Requirement 5 - Fundamentals Training

Requirement 6 - First-Aid Training

Requirement 7 - Check Field Conditions

Requirement 8 - Facility Survey

Requirement 9 - Concession Stand Safety

Requirement 10 - Equipment Check

Requirement 11 - Accident Reporting

Requirement 12 - First-Aid Kits

Requirement 13 - Enforce Little League Rules

Requirement 14 - Player / Coach Data

Requirement 15 - Answer Survey Question

Requirement 1 - Safety Officer: Have a safety officer on file at Little League International.

2025 Imperial Valley Challenger Little League Officers

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Jose Castaneda	joseccastaneda@gmail.com	760-960-5423	League President
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Jessica Piceno			Treasurer
Evete Bresseas			Secretary
T.J. Alcantra			Safety Officer
Patricia Moreno			Information Officer
Sylvia Castaneda			Concessions Coordinator

Requirement 2 – Safety Manual Distribution: Make safety plan accessible to coaches, managers, board members and any other volunteer in the league.

- ✓ IVCLL will distribute safety plan to all coaches, managers, board members, and other volunteers in our pre-season meeting and training sessions.
- ✓ IVCLL will share safety plan through its Facebook site.
- ✓ IVCLL will provide safety plan to District Administrator: JOHN QUINONE

Requirement 3- Emergency Plan: Post and distribute emergency and league officer phone numbers.

- ✓ Emergency Action Plan will be posted in IVCLL Snack Bar.
- ✓ All coaches conducting a practice, or a game, must have a working cell phone on their body.

Emergency Action Plan

In the event of a circumstance that warrants one of the numbers to be called, please contact in the following order:

- 1. Emergency number
- 2. Parent(s) of the player(s) involved
- 3. Safety Officer (Safety Officer will contact League President)

Emergency Phone Numbers

POLICE 911 FIRE & RESCUE 911

POISON CONTROL 1-800-222-1222

IMPERIAL POLICE (760) 355-4327

IMPERIAL FIRE DEPARTMENT (760) 355-1191

LEAGUE SAFETY OFFICER, T.J. Alcantra XXX-XXX-XXXX

LEAGUE PRESIDENT, Jose Castaneda 760-960-5423

Requirement 4 – Volunteer Application: Require volunteers to complete and submit the Official Little League Volunteer Application.

✓ MCLLwill require managers, coaches, board members, umpires and any other persons who provide regular service to the league and/or

have repetitive access to or contact with players to complete the volunteer application form, as well as provide a government-issued

- photo identification card for ID verification. League will check name spellings and numbers for accuracy.
- ✓ IVCLL will deny volunteer eligibility to anyone refusing to fill out a volunteer application.
- ✔ IVCLL will conduct a nationwide background check for sex offender registry data and other criminal records for each volunteer utilizing Little League International approved methodology/vendors.

Requirement 5 - Fundamentals Training: Provide fundamentals training

- Provide and require fundamentals training (including hitting, sliding, fielding, pitching) with at least one coach or manager from each team attending.
- o It is not necessary for first-aid and fundamentals training(s) to be held before safety plan is submitted.
- o List scheduled dates/locations on league website.
- o Training qualifies volunteer for 3 years.

 IVCLL will comply with the above LLI safety requirements by:
- ✓ IVCLL will require that at least one manager/coach from each team will attend the fundamentals training. Every Manager/Coach will attend this training at least once every 3 years.
- ✓ IVCLL will list scheduled dates/locations of trainings on league website.

Requirement 6 – First-Aid Training: Provide first-aid training.

o Require first aid training for coaches and managers, with at least one coach or manager from each team attending.

- o It is not necessary for first-aid training to be held before safety plan is submitted.
- o It is not necessary for doctors, nurses, LPN's, and paramedics in the league to attend first-aid training. However, it is recommended that leagues utilize these professionals from their league/community to present the training.
- o Other individuals who attend various outside first-aid training and courses are not exempt.

IVCLL will comply with the above LLI safety requirements by:

- ✓ IVCLL will require that at least one manager/coach from each team must attend the First Aid training. Every Manager/Coach will attend this training at least once every 3 years. (First Aid including PRICES Prevention, Contusion, Muscle Pull & Strain, Over-use, Sprains, Fractures, Small Joints, Facial, Teeth, Eye, Insect, Heat Illness, Triage and Emergency, etc.)
- ✓ IVCLL will list scheduled dates/locations of trainings on league website.

Requirement 7 – Check Field Conditions: Require field inspections before games and practices.

- o Require coaches/umpires to walk fields for hazards before practices and games.
- o Use common sense: look for glass, rocks, holes, etc.
- o Track and document any facility issues needing to be repaired.
- o Specify who is responsible for doing this.

IVCLL will comply with the above LLI safety requirements by:

- ✓ Coaches and volunteers will be required to walk fields for hazards before practices and games. Refer to the Checklist below.
- ✓ Track and document any facility issues needing to be repaired.



Requirement 8 – Facility Survey: Complete the annual Facility Survey.

o Facility Survey must be completed annually in the LL Data Center and cannot be attached to the safety plan uploaded by league.

IVCLL will comply with the above LLI safety requirements by:

✓ Facility Survey will be updated in the LL Data Center for 2025.

Requirement 9 – Concession Stand Safety: Post and utilize concession stand procedures.

- Written safety procedures posted for concession stand and concession manager trained in safe food handling/prep and procedures.
- o Include copy of posted concession safety procedures in safety plan.
- o Even if concession stand is not league operated, they are responsible to make sure safety procedures are posted.
- o Local restaurant operators are good resources for training assistance.
- o Training should cover safe use, care and inspection of equipment.

IVCLL will comply with the above LLI safety requirements by:

Concession Stand Safety Plan

- Concession Stand operations shall meet or exceed the local board of health regulations.
- ✓ 'Concession Stand Safety Inspection Checklist' will be completed by board member on duty, concession stand manager, or concession stand worker/volunteer. See sample below.
- ✓ 'Concession Stand Safety Rules & Procedures ' will be posted at concessions stand. See sample below.
- ✓ Concession Manager will be trained in safe food handling/prep and procedures.
- ✓ Concession Manager provides all safety training to any volunteer workers.
- ✓ Menu shall be posted and approved by the League Safety Officer and League President.

Concession Stand Safety Inspection Checklist

Menu Posted	(If Cold) Below 41º F	
Hands Washed	(If Cooked) Above 140º F	
Counters Sanitary	No Smoking	
No "Sick" Workers	Insect Control	
Hair Restraints	Exposed Wires/Trip	
	Hazards	
Age> 18 Handling Money	Dishes Washed	
and Hot Food Machines	Hot/Soapy Water	

Concession Stand Safety Rules and Procedures

- ✓ Concession stands will be run by adults only and may be contracted out as the Board of Directors designates. Those volunteers or assignees operating any ILL concession stand will operate such under the supervision of the ILL President and Safety Officer.
- ✓ All unpackaged food must be handled with paper towels or plastic wrap.
- ✓ All staff members must wash their hands on a frequent basis and/or use sanitizer.
- ✓ The concession stand shall be cleaned at the end of each day, shall have a fully stocked First Aid Kit and no glass containers shall be sold at the concession stand.
- ✓ Only working staff will be allowed in the concession stand. No coach, staff, or others shall loiter in the area.
- All trash shall be removed from the concession stand at the end of each day.
- ✓ A list of emergency numbers and key league personnel phone numbers shall be available in the concession stand for emergency use.

Requirement 10 – Equipment Check: Regularly inspect and replace equipment as needed

- o Inspect equipment before each use by coaches/managers.
- o Destroy broken equipment to prevent future use.
- o Recommend use form to track equipment needs.

IVCLL will comply with the above LLI safety requirements by:

- ✓ The League Safety Officer and Equipment Manager will inspect all equipment in the pre-season and destroy broken equipment at the beginning and end of each season.
- ✓ IVCLL will use online shared google sheet to track equipment needs among Board Directors and Equipment Manager.
- ✓ IVCLL Coaches have been advised to contact Safety Officer or Equipment Manager as needed for replacement equipment.
- ✓ IVCLL Coaches will inspect equipment prior to each game.
- ✓ IVCLL's Equipment Checklist, provided below, will be reviewed with all Coaches, volunteers, and Safety Officer.

PRO TIPS | BASEBALL COACH'S CHECKLIST



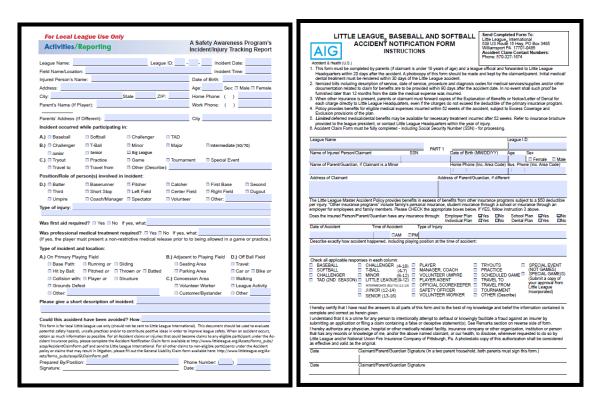
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Requirement 11 – Accident Reporting: Implement prompt accident reporting and tracking procedure.

- o Require Accident Forms be turned into Safety Officer within 24-48 hours.
- Track "near-misses" as a proactive tool to evaluate practices and avoid future injuries.
- o Share information on accidents and "near-misses" with district staff.

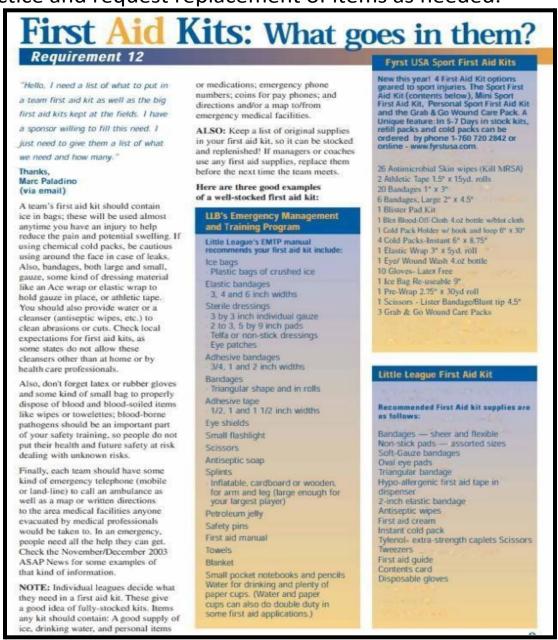
IVCLL will comply with the above LLI safety requirements by:

- ✓ The IVCLL Safety Officer has provided training to all Coaches and Board Members on league expectations surrounding accident reporting.
- ✓ IVCLL Coaches have been advised to contact Safety Officer within 24-48 of any accident, to file the appropriate Incident Injury Tracking Form and Accident Claim Form, if applicable.
- ✓ Safety Officer will track near-misses as a proactive tool to evaluate practices and avoid future injuries.



Requirement 12 – First-Aid Kits: Require a first-aid kit at each game and practice

- ✓ IVCLL Safety Officer have provided each team with first-aid kit at the start of the season.
- ✓ Additional first aid kits and ice packs will be procured as required by the IVCLL
- ✓ IVCLL Coaches will inspect first aid kits prior to each game and practice and request replacement of items as needed.



Requirement 13 – Enforce Little League Rules: Enforce Little League rules including proper equipment.

- o Most Little League rules have a basis in safety follow them.
- o Ensure players always have required equipment warming up on the field.
- o Coaches should enforce rules at practices as well as games.
- o Make sure all fields have bases that dis-engage their anchor as required by Little League rules.

IVCLL will comply with the above LLI safety requirements by:

- ✓ All IVCLL Board Members, Coaches, and Volunteers will review 'Coaches Code of Conduct,' 'Safety Code,' and 'Checklist for Managers, Coaches and Umpires' prior to the start of the season.
- ✓ League Officers will inspect compliance throughout the season.
- ✓ League President will handle disciplinary measures up to and including banishment from the league.
- ✓ All Board Members, Coaches, and Volunteers will review online LLI resources prior to start of the season for all player rules surrounding player safety (Proper equipment, no on-deck batters, no warming up pitchers, disengaging bases, etc.).

Links:

https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/ https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/

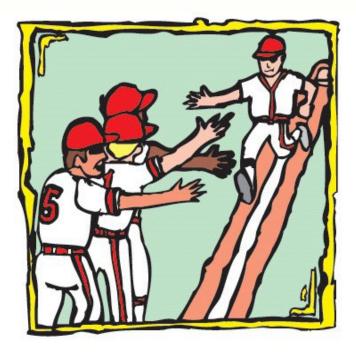
Coaches Code of Conduct: Imperial Valley Challenger Little League

Coaches are Role Models

- ➤ No alcohol, smoking or tobacco products of any kind allowed at any field, parking lot or common areas.
- > Do not allow playing in parking lots at any time. No playing on and around field maintenance equipment.
- ➤ No profanity.
- > Do not allow swinging bats or throwing baseballs at any time within the walkways and common areas of the Little League complex.
- ➤ Only a player on the field and at bat, may swing a bat (Ages 5 12).
- ➤ Do not allow throwing balls against dugouts or buildings, throwing rocks or climbing fences.
- > During games, players must remain in the dugout area in an orderly fashion at all times.
- ➤ Do not allow players to bring cell phones or meals into the dugout during a game, unless approved by League Safety Officer or President. This rule will have consideration to the players needs and safety as the league is focused towards players with special needs.
- ➤ After each game, each team must clean up trash in dugout and around stands.
- ➤ Observe all posted signs.
- > Be respectful of facilities and clean up after every practice or game.



Keep It Clean!



REMEMBER:

Use good sportsmanship on the field, even to your language.

Regulation XIV - Field Decorum

- a) "The actions of players, managers, coaches, umpires and league officials must be above reproach . . ."
- b) "The use of tobacco and alcoholic beverages in any form is prohibited on the playing field, benches or dugouts."

SAFETY CODE

- 1. Responsibility for procedures should be the same as the adult member league.
- 2. Coaches and Snack Bar will have a first aid kit.
- 3. No games or practices should be conducted if weather or field conditions are perceived to be unsafe.
- 4. Play area should be inspected frequently for holes, damage, stones, glass and other foreign objects. Corrective actions should be taken to remove or repair these hazards before play commences.
- 5. ALL coaches and volunteers are required to fill out a volunteer application and background check, including parent/relative in an adaptive support capacity; see below.
- 6. Only players, coaches and designated volunteers including parent/relative adaptive support are permitted on the playing field during play and practice sessions.
- 7. Responsibility for keeping bats and loose equipment off the field of play should be that of the respective coaches or a player assigned to this task.
- 8. Coaches will establish procedures for the retrieval of foul balls which have left the playing area.
- 9. During practice and games, all players should be alert and watching the batter on each pitch.
- 10. During warm-up drills players should be spaced so that no one is endangered by wild throws or missed catches.
- 11. Equipment should be inspected regularly. Special attention should be directed towards proper fit.
- 12. Batters must wear approved protective helmets during batting practice, and games.

- 13. Except when runner is returning to a base, headfirst slides should be avoided.
- 14. At no time should "horse play" be permitted on the playing field.
- 15. Parents of players who wear glasses should be encouraged to provide "safety glasses" for their child.
- 16. Players may not wear watches, rings, pins or other metallic items unless they are for medical purposes.

Checklist for Managers, Coaches, and Umpires

❖ Safety on the Field:

Regular safety inspections of all fields, structures, and dugouts are the best way to eliminate conditions that cause accidents.

Coaches, and volunteers should routinely check playing area for:

- 1. Holes, damage, rough or uneven spots, slippery areas, and long grass, glass, rocks, foreign objects.
- 2. Damage to screens or fences, including holes, sharp edges, or loose edges.
- 3. Unsafe conditions around backstop, pitcher's mound, or warning track.

❖ Safe Equipment:

All equipment shall be inspected before each use. Regular safety inspection of equipment is essential. Coaches and volunteers should:

- 1. Be sure all equipment is Little League approved.
- 2. Inspect all bats, helmets, and other equipment on a regular basis. Dispose of unsafe equipment properly.
- 3. Keep loose equipment stored properly.
- 4. Have all players remove all personal jewelry.
- 5. Parents should be encouraged to provide safety glasses for players who wear glasses.
- 6. Inform Safety Officer to repair or replace defective equipment.

❖ <u>Safe Procedures:</u>

Coaches must:

- 1. Have all players' medical release forms with you at every practice and game.
- 2. Have a first aid kit with you at all practices and games.
- 3. Have access to a telephone in case of emergencies.
- 4. Know where the closest emergency shelter is in case of severe weather.
- 5. Ensure warm-up procedures have been completed by all players.
- 6. Stress the importance of paying attention, no "horse playing allowed."
- 7. Instruct the players on proper fundamentals of the game to ensure safe participation.
- 8. Each practice should have at least 1 coach and 1 volunteer in case of an emergency.

❖ Safe Environment:

Weather Conditions

- 1. Check the weather forecast before leaving for a game or practice.
- 2. Postpone outdoor activities if storms are imminent.
- 3. Watch for signs of an approaching storm.

Approaching Thunderstorm

- o Take caution when you hear thunder. If you hear thunder, you are close enough to get struck by lightning. During a game, the umpire will clear the field in the event of an approaching storm.
- o Move to a safe environment immediately. Do not go under a tree or stay in the dugout.
- o If lightning is occurring and there is no sturdy shelter near, get inside a hard top automobile and keep the windows up.
- o Stay away from water, metal pipes and telephone lines.

o If caught outdoors & no shelter exists

- o Find a low spot away from trees, fences, light poles, and flagpoles.
- o If in the woods, take cover under shorter trees.
- o If you feel your skin begin to tingle or your hair feels like it's standing on end, squat low to the ground, balancing on the balls of your feet. Make yourself the smallest possible target, tuck your head between your legs, and minimize your contact with the ground.

Requirement 14 – Player/Coach Data: Submit League Player Registration data to the Data Center

- o Submit league player registration data/player roster data and coach/manager data through the Little League Data Center.
- o Safety manual will not be approved until registration data has been fully submitted.

IVCLL will comply with the above LLI safety requirements by:

✓ All league player registration data or player roster data will be submitted through the LL Data center prior to start of season.

Requirement 15 – Answer Survey Question: Answer Survey Questions

✔ IVCLL Safety Officer will complete questions upon uploading of ASAP plan to LLI Data Center.

Additional Safety Reminders

Suggestions for Warm-up Drills



Heel Cord Stretches

Lean against a wall. Reach one leg behind you. Keep the knee straight, heel on the ground, and toes pointed forward. Slightly bend the leg that's closer to the wall. Lean forward. You should feel the stretch along the back of your calf. Repeat with other leg.



Head and Neck Circles

Make a circle with your head, going around first in one direction five times. Then reverse and make five circles in the opposite direction.



Low Back Stretches

Lie on your back, bring one knee up, and pull the knee slowly toward your chest. Hold and repeat three times. Switch legs and repeat.



Shoulder Stretches #1

Stand or sit, holding your throwing arm at the wrist with your other hand. Put your arm over your head and pull gently, feeling your upper arm against your head. You should feel the stretch inside your shoulder.



Shoulder Stretches #2

Stand or sit, holding onto the elbow of your throwing arm with your other hand. Gently pull your throwing arm across your chest. You should feel the stretch inside your shoulder, especially at the back.



Shoulder Stretches #3

Stand or sit with your pitching arm out to the side and your elbow bent. Move your arm back until you feel the stretch in the front of your shoulder.

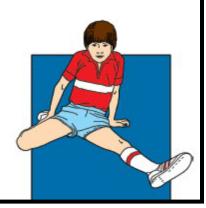


Thigh Stretches #1

Sit on the ground. Stretch both legs out in front of you. Reach forward, touching your toes. Eventually, you want to lean forward far enough to put your head on you kneas. You should feel the stretch along the backs of your legs.

Thigh Stretches #2

Sit on the ground with one leg stretched out in front of you. Bend the other knee and put your foot behind you. Lean backwards. You should feel the stretch along the front of your thigh.



Asthma **Emergency** Signs

Seelk E1mierge1n1cy Ca1ire If A Chilld Experie-nces Any Of The Follllowing:

- + Child's wheezing or coughing does not improve after taking medicine (15-20 minutes for most asthma medications)
- + Child's chest o 1 neck is pulling in while strugglin:g to b1"eathe
- + Child b.as trouble walking or talkin.g
- + Child stops playing and cannot start again
- + Child's fingernails and/or lips tu1'0 blue or gray
- + Skin between £hild"s ribs sucks in when breathing

Asthma is different fol' eve:t'Y person

The CAMBER THE Emergency Signs" above represent general emergency situations as per the National Asthma Eduadiion and Prevention Program 1997 Expert Panel Report_

If you are at all uncertain of what to do in case of a breathing emergency...

Call 9-1-1 and the child's parent/guardian!

If You Hear It, Clear It



REMEMBER:

- Track approaching storms the best way possible: Internet radar websites, dedicated storm warning system at field, or other storm warnings
- Evacuate fields when storms are about JO miles away: Have players and spectators go to enclosed building or to cars with windows rolled up
- Clear fields immediately after thunder has been heard or lightning seen!

PLEASE WAIT!

- Wait 30 minutes before returning to play after last sign of **lightning** activity in your area
- Cars shouldn't leave until the **game** is called, so all players can be accounted for

Guidelines from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Admfnistration is (NOAA) Na, fional Weather Service

PRO TIPS | BASEBALL COACH'S CHECKLIST



MUST-HAVE GEAR		
Bats		Baseballs
Batting Helmets		Catcher's Gear
Extra Gloves and Mitts		Water
Gear Bag		
EMERGENCY ITEMS		
First-Aid Kit		Cellphone
Player's Emergency Contact Information		
TRAINING AIDS		
Batting Tees		Cones
Swing Trainers		Rebounders
Paddles		Short Bat
Practice and Training Balls		
COACH'S ACCESSORIES		
Scorebook		Lineup Board
Pencils		Stopwatch
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