

---

# Washingtonville Little League

## Reopening Plan

June 2020



---

## Plan Overview

The COVID-19 pandemic presents Little League organizations with a myriad of challenges. This document offers Washingtonville Little League's plan to return our players to the game safely.

We will only be successful if every member of the community is committed to adhering to the guidelines set forth in this plan.



---

## Required Reading

Every member of the Washingtonville Little League family – which includes volunteers, parents, spectators and sponsors – is required to read and become familiar with this document prior to visiting our facilities located at Woodfield, Stonegate and Mays Field.

All visitors are responsible for monitoring adherence to this plan. If a violation is discovered, please let a coach or board member know immediately.





## #PlayBallPledge

In order to return to play, we must all pledge to follow the new rules and protocols set forth in our reopening plan.

## I PLEDGE TO...

- ✓ Stay home if I have any symptoms.
- ✓ Follow the guidelines for good hygiene.
- ✓ Wear a face mask to help limit the spread.
- ✓ Adhere to all physical distancing requirements.
- ✓ Model good behavior for others.

Take the #PlayBallPledge: [washll.org/Play-Ball-Pledge](https://washll.org/Play-Ball-Pledge)

# Plan Elements

- ★ **Safe Physical Distance**
- ★ **Hygiene Standards, Disinfecting & Equipment**
- ★ **Volunteers**
- ★ **Weather Considerations**

---

*Washingtonville Little League reserves the right to modify or revoke this plan as well as change the season at anytime to preserve the health and safety of our players, families and volunteers*

# Safe Physical Distance

---

- Maintain 6 feet of distance before and after physical activity.
- To help with proper distancing, bleachers will be used during games and practices for players and volunteers only.
- Dugouts to be used by pitcher, catcher and 1 (one) coach only.
- Spectators must bring their own chairs or stand to appropriately space out around the field when watching games / practices and are not permitted to use the bleachers or dugout for seating. Fans who share a household may be less than 6 feet.
- 6 feet markers will be made to wait in line for bathroom facilities.
- Face masks must be worn when unable to maintain 6 feet of distance. Players will not be required to wear face masks when playing on the field.
- Coaches must wear face masks at all times.
- No touch rule: players should refrain from high fives, fist bumps, hugs, handshake lines and other physical contact with others. A “tip of the cap” can be used in lieu of handshakes after the game.
- Individuals will not congregate in common areas or in parking lots following a game or practice.

# Hygiene Standards, Disinfecting & Equipment

---

- Wash hands frequently and for at least 20 seconds.
- When unable to wash hands, please use hand sanitizer. Each team will be provided hand sanitizer for the players and volunteers.
- Players must have their own gloves, batting gloves and helmets.
- Sharing bats and catcher's gear will be permitted after disinfecting between player use.
- Each team will be provided disinfectant wipes and spray for use on equipment.
- Players will need to bring their own water bottles clearly labeled with their names
- Sharing snacks is not permitted.
- Bleachers, dugouts, other seating areas and bathrooms will be disinfected each evening.
- There will be no gum, sunflower seeds or chewing tobacco allowed on the premises until further notice.
- Pitchers are not allowed to touch the ball and their mouth.
- No spitting is allowed at any of our fields.

# Volunteers

---

- Umpires calling balls and strikes will do so from a standing position behind the pitcher and at least 6 feet away. There will be **ZERO TOLERANCE** for arguing with an umpire's call.
- Must avoid exchanging documents or equipment with players, coaches or spectators.
- Must ensure that players are always following all guidelines in this document.
- Coaches are to attend to any injured players through the use or appropriate personal protective equipment to administer first aid as necessary.
- Coaches may approach the umpire keeping a minimum of 6 feet of distance.



# Weather Considerations

---

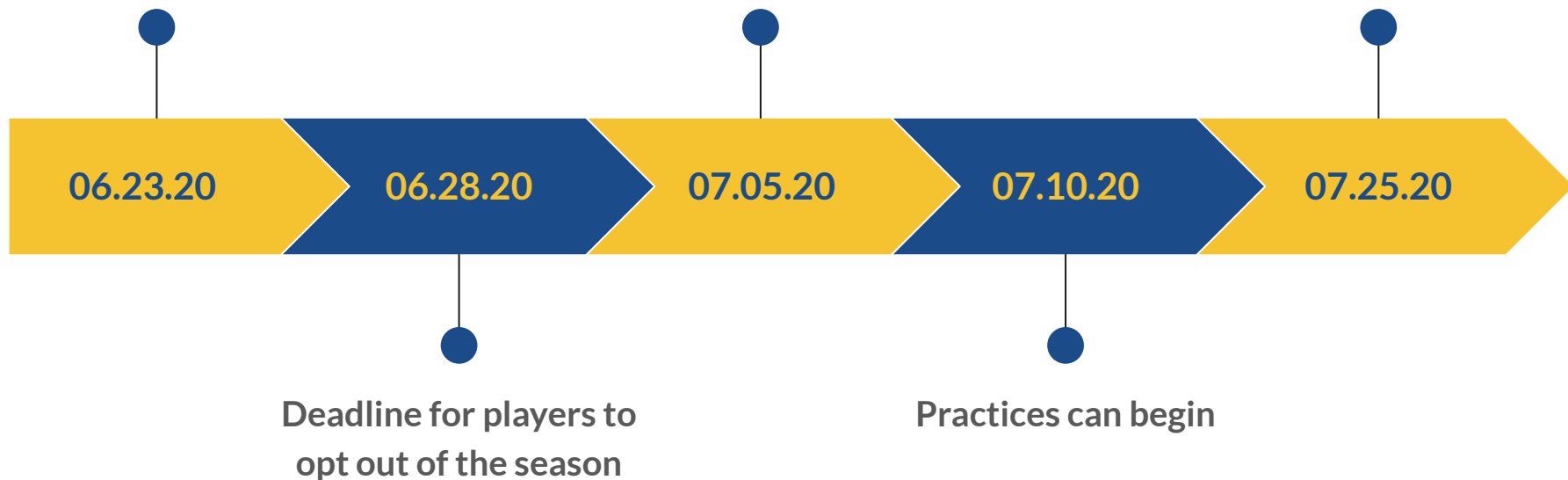
- Rain Delays: In the event of a rain delay, all individuals must retreat to their vehicles until the start of the game.
- Heat Index: If a head advisory is issued or if the temperature is expected to exceed 87 degrees, all activity will be cancelled or postponed for the day.

# Timeline\*

Reopening Plan is distributed to families

Team rosters finalized and posted

Regular season games will begin



\*Subject to change

---

## Game Day Reminders

- If sick... stay home!
- Pack hand sanitizer and a mask
- Maintain physical distancing
- Do not share any equipment
- No unnecessary contact
- Put player name on all equipment
- No spitting / chewing gum / sunflower seeds



# Questions?

---

Please direct all questions to  
Scott Davy, Washingtonville  
Little League President, at  
[ScottD@washll.org](mailto:ScottD@washll.org).

