

# Washoe Little League COVID-19 Game Safety Plan

This plan supplements the Washoe Little League 2020 ASAP: <https://washoelittleleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/2020-WLL-Safety-Plan.pdf>

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## 1. General Information

### A. League Information:

- i. Washoe Little League

[15650 Wedge Pkwy](https://www.washoelittleleague.org)

[Reno, NV 89511](https://www.washoelittleleague.org)

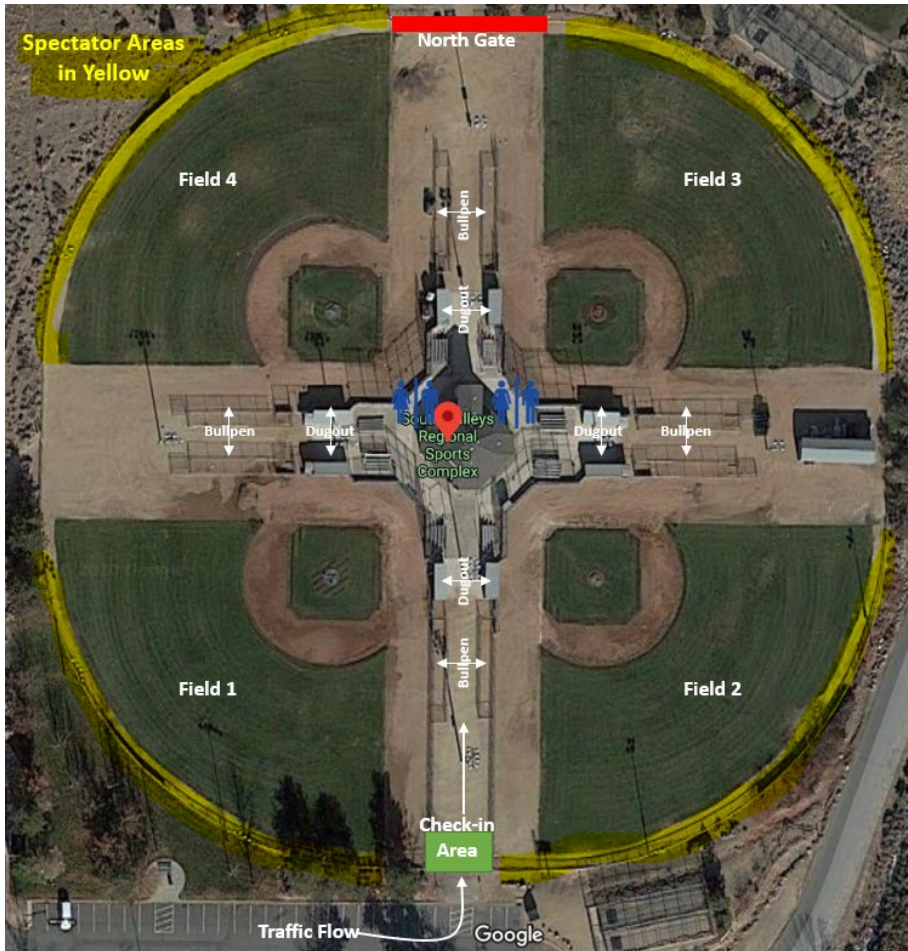
Permit Days & Hours: Monday through Saturday; 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

### B. League Official Contacts:

- i. Bodie Monroe, President
- ii. Brandon Etchemendy, Vice President
- iii. Jeremy Kreuzer, Vice President
- iv. Dan Gallagher, Safety Officer

## 2. Baseball Complex Information

### A. Facility Map:



## B. General Operations

- i. The north entrance to the quad complex will be gated off during game operations.
- ii. The snack bar will be closed during game operations.
- iii. Bleachers will not be used.
- iv. Bathroom occupancy is limited to one person at a time.
- v. All check-in traffic will be routed through the south entrance to the complex.

## C. Capacity:

- i. Regular Complex Size & Capacity: 205,000 square feet; capacity 1,650 people
- ii. Game Capacity: There will be no more than 50 total people (players, managers, coaches, umpires) per field. Maximum 2 games at one time.
- i. Parents and spectators will not be allowed to enter the complex. Bleachers will not be used. They may watch 6-feet apart beyond the outfield fence. Social distancing and face masks are encouraged for parents and spectators.

## D. Signage:

- i. Instructions will be posted at the south entrance disclosing capacity limits; prohibitions on entering a gathering if they are experiencing symptoms; hygiene and social distancing instructions, and face covering requirements.
- ii. Signage will be posted to reminding everyone to maintain 6 feet of distance, wear masks, wash hands, etc.
- iii. Examples:





### 3. Arrival & Check-in

- A. Arrival & Departure Timing
  - i. Games shall be scheduled to allow at least a 30-minute break between the finish and start of subsequent sessions, to allow for departure and arrival without crowding.
  - ii. Players, coaches, and umpires will be asked to arrive no earlier than 15 minutes prior to a game.
  - iii. Parents will be informed of arrival procedures via email. If players arrive earlier than 15 minutes prior to a game, the assigned Officer of the Day (OOD) will ask the player to wait in their parent's car.
  - iv. Parents will be informed to bring only their immediate household players and to not bring non-household players as a matter of carpooling.
- B. Check-in Process
  - i. WLL Board Members and OODs will document game attendance and responses to the health screening questions by [league issued form](#). A minimum of 2 OODs will check-in & enforce social distancing requirements.
  - ii. All players, coaches, and umpires must check in at the check-in table at the south entrance of the complex.
  - iii. Parents/spectators will not be allowed in the complex but will be allowed to watch 6-feet apart beyond the outfield fence.

### 4. Health Screening

- A. Adult COVID-19 Testing
  - i. All managers, coaches, and umpires are required to take a COVID-19 test prior to the start of the fall game season in order to participate in league sanctioned games. ([NV Directive 034](#)).
  - ii. Documentation: Results of the test will be documented by WLL Safety Officer, Dan Gallagher. Necessary documentation will be shared with Little League District Administrator and Washoe County officials.
- B. Screening
  - i. All managers, coaches, players, and umpires must stay home if they are feeling sick. All attendees are encouraged to self-screen before coming to the ball fields. [Self-screening tool](#)
  - ii. Before each game, the OOD will screen all coaches, players, and umpires by asking the following questions:
    - a. "Have you felt sick the last 7 days with fever (100.4 or higher), chills, cough, sore throat, body aches, new loss of taste or smell?"
      - i. If answered "yes", they will not be allowed to enter and asked to leave.
    - b. "Have you been in contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 14 days?"
      - i. If answered yes, they will not be allowed to enter. Additionally, they must home quarantine for 14 days after exposure and provide medical clearance to return.

- iii. All attendees will have their temperature monitored via touchless thermometer. Individuals with a temperature over 100.4 will not be allowed entrance, documented with symptoms.
  - iv. All attendees will receive hand sanitizer upon entering the complex.
  - v. If a coach or umpire observes a player displaying symptoms, they must have the player stop playing immediately. A touchless thermometer is available to all managers. The manager will ask the player to find their parent and to leave the field and not return to play until 14 days later.
- C. Documentation
- i. All managers, coaches, players, umpires, and league officials will have attendance and responses documentation and kept in league binders. Check-in documentation will be signed off by the President, VP, or Safety Officer each night. [Sample documentation example.](#)
- D. Confirmed Cases
- i. If a managers, coach, player, umpire, or league official tests positive for COVID-19 or has been recently exposed, League officials will assess the timeline of exposure and potential team exposure on a case by case to determine further preventative actions.
  - ii. Individuals or their household members who test positive for COVID-19 should immediately isolate and seek medical care. Confirmed diagnosed and exposed individuals must home quarantine for 14 days and provide medical clearance before returning.
  - iii. If a manager, coach, or player tests positive for COVID-19 AND had recently been in close contact with their team, the entire team will be required to quarantine for 14 days with all games being cancelled until medically cleared to resume.

## 5. General COVID-19 Requirements

- A. Social Distancing & PPE Requirements
- i. WLL Board Members, OODs, Managers, Coaches, and Umpires must wear face coverings over their nose and mouth the entire time.
  - ii. All managers, coaches, and umpires must maintain 6 feet of social distance from players at all times. Social distancing will be monitored and enforced by the WLL Officer of the Day (OOD).
  - iii. Players must wear a face-covering over their nose and mouth while not active in the game (ex. waiting for turn to bat). Face covering requirements will be enforced by managers, coaches, and WLL OOD.
  - iv. Managers, coaches, and OOD will monitor and ensure players will keep proper social distance and not congregate before or after a game.
  - v. No high fives, handshakes, or fist bumps are allowed. Managers, coaches, and players will tip their cap to acknowledge a good play.
  - vi. No team snacks allowed.
  - vii. Individuals who refuse to comply with social distancing and facemask requirements after being asked by the OOD to do so will be asked to leave the complex.



## B. Personal Hygiene

- i. Managers, coaches, players, and umpires are expected to wash their entire uniform prior to each game. Personal equipment should be disinfected after each game.
- ii. Hand sanitizer, containing at least 60% alcohol, and disinfecting wipes will be provided and accessible in every dugout. It is the OOD and Manager's joint responsibility that they are available once players arrive.
- iii. Players are encouraged to use hand sanitizer after playing catch or handling the ball during a defensive half inning.
- iv. All participants are encouraged to use hand sanitizer as much as desired to ensure cleanliness.
- v. No spitting or eating seeds, gum, or similar products by anyone. This will be monitored by managers and the OOD.

## C. Equipment

- i. Game balls will be kept untouched 72 hours prior to each game.
- ii. Enough clean games balls will be available to cycle clean balls in every half inning or every 30 minutes, whichever occurs first.
- iii. Personal equipment and belongings must be lined up along the outside of fence and a minimum of 6 feet apart.
- iv. Players cannot share personal equipment (bats, gloves, etc.). Players who need additional equipment (ex. helmet, catchers gear) will be issued league equipment to use for the entire fall season.
- v. Players are required to pick up and maintain their equipment in an orderly fashion whenever possible.
- vi. Players must bring their own water bottles. No team water or cups.

## D. Sanitization

- i. Cleaning Schedule: The assigned OOD will wipe down common used areas before each game and after the final games of the night.
- ii. Common used cleaning areas:
  - a. Field entrance gate handles
  - b. Dugout gate handles
  - c. Equipment shed handles
  - d. Bathroom door handles
  - e. Bathroom sink handles and soap dispensers
  - f. Bathroom stall handles
- iii. Field Prep: Managers & coaches must clean the handles of any shed equipment used to prepare the field with disinfecting wipes provided in the dugout before storing the equipment in the shed.
- iv. Common-used equipment:
  - a. Rakes
  - b. Drags
  - c. Tamps
  - d. Batter box stencil
  - e. Chalk string
  - f. Chalker





- v. Sanitization Supplies:
  - a. Hand Sanitizer: Hand Sanitizer supplied in each dugout will be at least 60% alcohol.
  - b. Disinfecting Wipes: [Clorox Disinfecting Wipes](#) or brands with similar strength approved by the EPA to kill coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) will be used to wipe down common used areas. Contact time is 0.5 minutes.
  - c. Disposable facemasks will be available at the check-in table and in the field house. OODs will supply any participant who is required to have a face covering with a disposable facemask.
  - d. The WLL Safety Officer is responsible to ensure sanitization supplies are in stock and available before games.
- vi. Trash bins: In addition to trash bins provided around the complex, trash bins will be provided in each dugout. It is each individual's responsibility to throw away any personal trash.

## 6. Practice

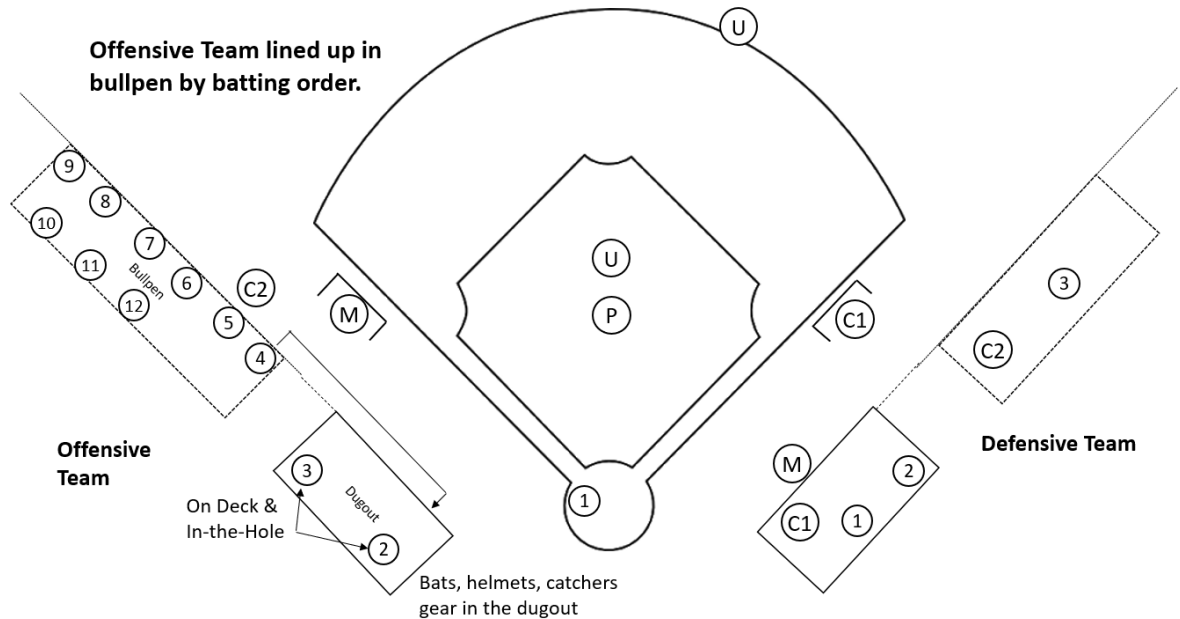
- 1. Social Distancing Requirements
  - a. Dugouts will be closed and not in use during practice.
  - b. Individual player equipment and bags must be placed 6 feet apart along a foul fence line.
  - c. Coaches must maintain 6 feet of social distance from all players.
  - d. Coaches should design practice plans to maintain social distancing requirements. Small group drills and use of cones for distancing reminders are encouraged.
- 2. Equipment & Sanitation
  - a. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be provided and accessible for every field in use.
  - b. Players are encouraged to use hand sanitizer after playing catch or handling the ball during practice.
  - c. Balls shared during practice will be changed out every 30 minutes. ([NV Health best practice via LEAP](#))
  - d. Volunteers must clean the handles of any shed equipment used to prepare the field with disinfecting wipes.

## Batting Cages

- 1. Social Distancing Requirements
  - a. Parents & Spectators
    - i. No parents or spectators near the batting cages during batting practice.
  - b. Players
    - i. Only one player and one coach in a batting cage at a time.
    - ii. All other players must wait 6 feet apart along the batting cage fence. A team coach will enforce social distancing.
    - iii. After a player is done batting, the player must fully exit the batting cage before another player can enter.
  - c. Coaches

- i. Coaches must maintain 6 feet of social distance from all players.
- 2. Equipment & Sanitation
  - a. Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be provided in every batting cage.
  - b. League issued bats must be cleaned with disinfecting wipes before a new player uses the equipment.

**7. Social Distancing Game Logistics & Requirements**



- A. There will be no more than 2 players allowed into a dugout at one time. Remaining players will socially distance in the bullpen area described below.
- B. Players
  - i. Field Arrival & Warm Up:
    - a. Personal equipment and belongings must be lined up along the outside of fence and a minimum of 6 feet apart.
    - b. Players playing catch must be a minimum 6 feet apart from the player next to them and the player they are throwing to. This will be enforced by the team manager.
    - c. Players must spread out 6 feet apart while stretching. This will be enforced by the team manager.
    - d. Managers & coaches must spread players out vocally or by use of cones for any pre-game drill, warmup, or instruction.
  - ii. Defensive Team
    - a. Defensive team can have up to 2 players in the dugout if those players do not have a defensive position in the defensive half inning. Additional players with no defensive position will watch the game from their respective bullpen area.
    - b. Warming up pitchers: A coach, pitcher, and catcher can warm up in the nearest bullpen on Fields 3 & 4.

iii. Offensive Team

- a. All bats, helmets, and catcher's gear will be stored in the dugout.
- b. Only two players will be allowed in the dugout at any one time. Those players will be the "on-deck" & "in-the-hole" batters.
- c. Offensive team will have the remainder of their players inside the bullpen area with their gloves, lined up in their set batting order. 6 feet distance must be maintained while in the bullpen.
- d. A coach near the bullpen will coordinate the batting order and maintain social distancing and facemask requirements for players. The player that is due up 4th in the inning must be ready to rotate into the dugout.
- e. Upon entering the dugout, players will place their hat and glove on the bench, then put on a batting helmet, batting gloves, etc. to get ready to bat. 6 feet distance must be maintained while in the dugout.
- f. The on-deck batter may pick up the previous batter's bat by the barrel, not the handle, to return it to the dugout.
- g. Offensive players who are called out or score as the inning continues will return their helmet to the dugout, pick up their hat and glove from the bench, and immediately exit the field to an open in their team's bullpen. Play will be paused until offensive players are full rotated.

C. Coaches

- i. Each team will have 3 on-field coaches.

ii. Defensive Team

- a. One coach will be allowed in the dugout. Additional coaches will watch from the bullpen.
- b. Manager will sit just outside of the dugout giving adequate space for those entering the dugout.
- c. Pitching visits: Coaches will maintain 6 feet of distance during pitching visits.

iii. Offensive Team

- a. Base coaches: Base coaches will remain in a marked coach's box. Base coaches must always maintain 6 feet distance from base runners or defensive players.
- b. A coach near the bullpen will coordinate the batting order and must maintain 6 feet of distance from players.

D. Umpires

- i. Home umpire will stand 6 feet behind the pitcher to call balls and strikes.
- ii. Field umpire will maintain 6 feet of distance to any player.

## 8. Post-Game Procedures

A. Sanitization Procedures

- i. Managers & coaches must clean the handles of any shed equipment used to clean up the field with disinfecting wipes provided in the dugout before storing the equipment in the shed.
- ii. OODs, Managers & coaches must clean the fence handles to all gates (field entrance, dugout entrance, bullpen entrance) field with disinfecting wipes.





- iii. Players, coaches, and umpires must use hand sanitizer before leaving the field at the end of the game.
- B. Exiting Procedure
  - i. All players must exit the complex to parents within 15 minutes after the conclusion of the game.
  - ii. All managers, coaches, umpires must exit the complex within 15 minutes after completing necessary field tear-down and sanitization.
  - iii. OODs will be responsible for the timely exit of all managers, coaches, and players to ensure no congestion for subsequent games.

## **9. Volunteer Training**

- A. All managers, coaches, WLL Board Members will be trained on the basics of PPE usage and disinfecting procedures at a Safety meeting prior to the start of the season by the Safety Officer. Training will include a walkthrough of specific supplies, cleaning areas, and procedures.