



RETURN TO PLAY PLAN

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Croton Little League

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OVERVIEW

This plan is designed to create a safe environment for players, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and members of their household or immediate family while they are participating in youth baseball and softball activities.

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UNIVERSAL GUIDELINES

All persons using Croton Little League (coach, player, volunteer, umpire, spectator, employee) must abide by these universal guidelines while at the facilities.

- If you or a member of your household are sick, stay home.
- Must conduct daily symptom self-evaluations.
- If you or a member of your household becomes sick or begins experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, notify Croton Little League and stay home.
- Practice social distancing (minimum of 6 feet distance) when outside at all times when not around your immediate family or other household members. When not able to socially distance, wear a well-secured paper or cloth mask that covers your nose and mouth (Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)).
- When inside, wear PPE.
- Frequently wash your hands for a minimum of 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer.
- No spitting, eating of sunflower seeds, or chewing of gum on the premises.
- When parking on the premises, please use best efforts to park with one parking space in between another vehicle.
- In the event of inclement weather, players will retreat to their own parent's vehicle as there is no facility that can accommodate all players while maintaining social distance.
- Each team's manager/coach/volunteer will ensure that team's spectators are abiding by the protocols.
- A pre-game meeting at home plate can occur, but all parties (coach, umpire, player) must be masked.

COACH/VOLUNTEER GUIDELINES

Coaches, managers, and other assistants must follow these guidelines:

-Must wear a mask at all times.

- Disinfect multi-used items (bats, helmets) if players do not have their own.
- Minimize number of coaches and assistants for games/practices.
- Clean/disinfect team equipment.
- Clean/disinfect high touch surfaces before and after games/practices.

PLAYER GUIDELINES

Players are to follow these guidelines at all times.

-Must wear a mask at all times - in the dugout and field.

- Use or touch only their own equipment.
If they do not have their own equipment, use the team's equipment which will be cleaned between uses.
- Bring their own beverage and do not share.
- Follow dugout guidelines.

UMPIRE GUIDELINES

Umpires are to follow these guidelines at all times:

- Wear PPE.
- Plate umpire will be calling from behind the pitcher's mound on the grass.
- Base umpires will keep distance in set-up positions.
- Umpires will not handle baseballs.
 - Passballs, foul balls will be retrieved by players.
- Pre-game players' equipment check is visual only.

GAME GUIDELINES

Pre-game, in-game and post-game guidelines are to be followed at all times.

- Show up a maximum of 30 minutes before game time.
- Game field must be exited completely and cleaned by previous teams before new teams enter the field and dugouts.
- 15 minute maximum pre-game warm-ups for each team.
- No pre-game meeting at the plate with umpires and coaches.
- New baseballs/softballs every 2 innings.
- Between inning warm-ups must use the same ball.
- Foul balls will be retrieved by players only, not spectators, not coaches, not umpires. If touched by another, the ball will be disinfected before being introduced.
- No physical contact celebrations between players (i.e. high fives, fist bumps, etc.).
- End of game line-up out in front of dugouts and tip hats in good sportsmanship.
- All high-touch surfaces must be sanitized before any other team is permitted on the field or in the dugout. Clean and disinfect common contact points of field.
- Must leave premises no later than 20 minutes after the end of the game.

FAMILY MEMBER GUIDELINES

Household and immediate family members are to follow these guidelines at all times.

- Household or immediate family only (parents, guardians, brothers, sisters).
- Bring their own seats and sit along the outfield or fence, or in their cars.
- Do not retrieve foul balls.

EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

Guide to equipment use to be followed at all times.

- Players are not to share their equipment.
- Players who need equipment will use the team's equipment.
 - If team equipment is used, it must be disinfected after each use.
- Equipment bags are to be placed outside of dugout, and separated from each other.
- Players must bring their own beverages.
- New baseball/softball must be used every 2 innings.
- Warm-up baseballs between innings must be the same.

DUGOUT GUIDELINES

Guide to dugout use to be followed at all times.

- Only 1 coach inside the dugout at a time.
- Only 2 players inside the dugout at a time.
- Remainder of the team is separated on the bleachers outside the dugout or along the fence in assigned places.
- Must be cleaned and disinfected after each game/practice using EPA-approved household disinfectant or a solution of diluted household bleach.