



# Clifton Little League

**As Per the state and local authorities we must take temperature at field and health questionnaire prior to arrival. All to be completed before entering complex**

**1) Coach's/parent's education:** The success of these plans is dependent on our coach's and parent's focus on implementing them. Each coach will be given a printed copy stating the leagues expectations.

**2) Hold harmless clause:** All parents will sign a hold harmless clause, waiver of liability, to be allowed to participate. (Attached)

**3) Social distancing:** We will ask that only family members attend the games or practices and we require that (masks) be worn at all times on the complex. We ask that we avoid gatherings together and maintain the 6-foot rule when on the complex. Weekend games are spread out on so the (players from earlier) first game are able to leave the complex before (players from) the second game come in.

**4) Teams:** Children ages 4-6 will participate in a season, keeping kids spaced apart. No catcher. They will get more out of the practices. The League has the right to enforce a time limit of 1 hour and 15 minutes. Children 7-16 can start games after 2 weeks of practice and follow our protocols.

**5) Coaches:** Coaches will be required to confirm they will be transparent and forthcoming should they or a member of their family contract the COVID-19 virus, or if they had it and completed the 14-day quarantine period. If they did have it, did they get a doctor's clearance stating they are negative?

**6) Umpires:** Umpire from behind the pitcher's mound. If a field umpire is used they should maintain themselves away from the children on the field.

**7) No post game handshakes:** Players will line up on either baseline and tip their caps to acknowledge a game well played.

**8) No high fives:** We encourage teams to replace high fives with tipping their caps to mitigate the potential transfer of the virus from person to person, we also encourage parents do the same with their children.

**9) Drinks and Seeds:** No team drink coolers, no spitting of seeds.

**10) Baseballs:** Use of balls will be distributed from clubhouse prior to game. 2 balls per Home & Away (Max 3 innings). Sanitize out of play balls.



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11) **Masks:** As per Gov. Murphy's executive order, any person not wearing a mask/facial covering will be denied access to the complex. **All coaches and umpires will wear masks.** We ask players to wear the mask off the field (but a facial covering is sufficient).

12) **Dugouts:** We will avoid keeping players contained to the dugouts and utilize existing areas currently reserved for fans. Fans will be asked to sit down the foul lines and around the outfield (**social distancing will be in effect**). Spectators are to bring own chairs. We ask that parents do not go in or near the dugouts. Each complex will designate their complex accordingly to follow all city & state regulations.

13) **Gear disinfectant:** We will provide disinfectant spray to clean shared gear (catcher's equipment, helmets, etc.). We strongly suggest that parents disinfect your children's personal equipment in between games with a product of your choice. If you are concerned about allergies, or generally interested in what is in the product, please contact the board of directors and we will provide that information.

14) **No catcher's mask sharing:** Each team in the minors & majors is provided with catcher's equipment, but most players that routinely play the position have their own gear. In the case that a team does not have a catcher with their own equipment, they will be provided a second mask so that if a catcher is switched mid-game, the new catcher can wear the second mask.

15) **Concession stand:** (Not available due to local guidelines at the start of our delayed season) **We will notify the league/parents once we are approved to open.** Our concession stand always places the highest priority on cleanliness, but we will pay even more specific attention to ensure all surfaces are being disinfected after use, including the tables around the complex. Standard food safety requirements will be followed in regard to gloves, and the concession volunteers have been informed that they need to pay close attention to their health in case they display any symptoms - in which case they would be asked to avoid the complex for the CDC suggested 14 days. Hand sanitizer station(s) will be placed by concession area to further prevent the spread. Please use them.

16) **Restrooms:** We will increase our daily maintenance of the complex restrooms. In addition to soap dispensers and signage stating please wash your hands for 20 seconds, we will put a hand sanitizer station in the bathroom area, and food stand area. Paper hand towels will be available in each restroom, and hand dryers will be temporarily disconnected to avoid allowing germs to go airborne. Bathrooms will be now designated for single occupancy only during the duration of this pandemic.



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## **Transparency and open communication is imperative for #17, 18, 19**

### **17) Displaying symptoms:**

**A. Child:** If your child is displaying symptoms, we ask that they stay away from the team until either 14 days have past and their symptoms have cleared up, or your medical professional has confirmed the symptoms are unrelated to COVID-19.

**B. Parent/Household Member:** If someone in your household is displaying symptoms, we ask that you do not have the child or the adult attend team events until either; the child has no symptoms for 14 days, the adult has no symptoms for 14 days, or your medical provider has confirmed you do not have the illness. This specific strain of coronavirus, COVID-19, is known to be less likely to impact children due to their reoccurring exposure to other types of coronavirus, but they can be carriers which can be passed to other children and the adults they come into contact with.

### **18) Confirmed infection:**

**A. Child:** If your child has been confirmed to have the illness, please avoid all team events until a medical professional has confirmed your risk of secondary transmission is low.

**B. Parent/Household Member:** If someone in your household has been confirmed to have the illness, please have that individual and the child avoid all team activities for 14 days and until a medical professional has cleared the ill individual from the risk of secondary transmission.

**19) Communication:** Coaches need to be informed if either of the above scenarios come about (displaying symptoms or confirmed infection) we fully empathize with our communities need, and rights, for privacy regarding their health and the health of our families. However, due to the risks posed by the transmission of this illness, we will be informing teams of potential exposure, if an individual will be staying away from the team for a period of time. We will not share the name, or personal information, but simply inform the team and parents of the situation so they can monitor their own symptoms.

**20) Future guidance:** As this situation continues to evolve, we will ensure our planning evolves as well. We will rely on prevailing guidance from the CDC and local officials to make decisions related to the cancellation of games, practices, or other events.

**21) Disrupted Season:** If season is shortened or canceled due to circumstances beyond the leagues control, a percentage of your registration maybe applied to 2021 at the discretion of the board of directors.



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