



## Colorado Springs Little League 2020 Return-to-Play Protocol



In accordance with the guidelines set forth by the City of Colorado Springs Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department; we have developed the following protocols to assist in ensuring the health and safety of the public during COVID-19 Pandemic. This also follows the Colorado Department of Health and Environment – Public Health Orders and Guidance.

**\*\*Every player and volunteer must have a Return-to-Play waiver on file with the Head Coach of their respective team.\*\***

### **General Guidance:**

DON'T BRING YOUR CHILD TO PRACTICES/GAMES IF HE/SHE IS SICK

ONLY NECESSARY NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS ON FIELD

SPECTATORS MUST PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

PLEASE REFERENCE STATE AND LOCAL LAWS FOR MASK WEARING GUIDANCE. WE ASK THAT ALL SPECTATORS AND VOLUNTEERS WEAR THEIR MASK IF THEY CANNOT KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE (AT LEAST 6 FEET) FROM OTHER PEOPLE. IT IS ALSO ENCOURAGE TO WEAR A MASK WHENEVER YOU ARE IN CROWDED SPACES, EITHER INDOORS OR OUT

**\*\*NOTE: THE MASK REQUIREMENT DOES NOT APPLY TO PLAYERS.**

HIGHLY ENCOURAGE NOT BRINGING FAMILY/FRIENDS THAT MAY HAVE HIGHER RISK HEALTH CONCERNS

### **Pre-game/Game/Post Game Procedures:**

PRE-GAME MEETING WITH COACHES AND UMPIRE, SOCIAL DISTANCING IS REQUIRED AND BATTING LINEUPS TO BE EXCHANGED VERBALLY. THE UMPIRE IS TO WRITE DOWN THE LINEUP AS IT IS BEING TOLD TO HIM/HER FROM THE COACHES.

TEAM EQUIPMENT (BATS, HELMETS, CATCHER'S GEAR) WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR USE. RECOMMEND USING YOUR OWN EQUIPMENT TO THE FULLEST EXTENT.

MOUND VISITS ARE LIMITED TO PITCHER, CATCHER, AND COACH (NO TEAM HUDDLE)  
SOCIAL DISTANCING IS TO BE ADHERED TO FROM GUIDELINES OF HEALTH  
DEPARTMENT.

NO TOUCH RULE: COACHES AND PLAYERS SHOULD REFRAIN FROM HANDSHAKE  
LINES, AND OTHER PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH TEAMATES, OPPOSING PALYERS,  
COACHES UMPIRES AND FANS A "TIP OF THE CAP" CAN BE USED FOLLOWING THE  
GAME IN LIEU OF THE HANDHAKE LINE.

NO MORE THAN FOUR PLAYERS IN THE DUGOUT, THE REST OF THE TEAM WILL BE  
OUTSIDE OF THE FIELD PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING THEIR FAMILY UNTIL IT IS  
THEIR TIME TO ENTER THE DUGOUT TO PREPARE FOR THEIR AT BAT.

\*\*NOTE: COACH'S KIDS THAT DO NOT HAVE ANOTHER PARENT AT THE FIELD WILL  
REMAIN IN THE DUGOUT. THAT CHILD COUNTS TOWARDS THE FOUR ALLOWABLE  
PLAYERS IN THE DUGOUT\*\*

UMPIRE IS TO OFFICIATE THE GAME FROM BEHIND THE PITCHER AT 6' DISTANCE  
FROM THE MOUND OR PITCHERS CIRCLE.

THERE WILL BE DESIGNATED WARM UP AREA'S AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IS HIGHLY  
ENCOURAGED.

PLAYER EQUIPMENT WILL STAY WITH THE PARENTS. NO PLAYER EQUIPMENT IN THE  
DUGOUT EXCEPT WHAT IS NEEDED FOR THEIR AT-BAT.

**Food and Beverage Protocols:**

PLAYERS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN WATER BOTTLES, NO SHARING

PLAYERS ARE HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO BRING THEIR OWN SNACKS FOR PRACTICES  
AND POST GAME ACTIVITIES.

NO SPITTING OF SEEDS, GUM OR OTHER SIMILAR PRODUCTS.

**Coaches & Volunteers:**

MUST ADHERE TO 6FT SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING PRACTICE AND GAMES

COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO WEAR A FACE COVERING FOR GAMES AND PRACTICES WHEN A SAFE DISTANCE (AT LEAST 6 FEET) CANNOT BE MAINTAINED

COACHES SHOULD ENSURE THE PLAYERS ARE ADHERING TO SOCIAL DISTANCING IN DUGOUTS AND OTHER SEATING AREA

**Machine Pitch Division / Modified T-Ball Division:**

GLOVES AND DISINFECTING WIPES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR COACHES TO HANDLE THE MACHINE DURING SETUP AND TEAR DOWN

SAME BALLS WILL BE USED FOR ENTIRE GAME

THERE WILL BE NO CATCHERS