



## 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

HIGHLY ENCOURAGE USE OF FACE MASK IF HAVING TO GET CLOSER THAN 6 FEET OR HAVING TO MOVE AROUND THE PARK COMPLEX

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:**

MUST ADHERE TO 6FT SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING PRACTICE AND GAMES

HIGHLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR FACE COVERINGS DURING PRACTICES AND GAMES

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

**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

MASKS WILL BE WORN BY PARENTS/VOLUNTEERS HELPING IN THE FIELD. 1<sup>ST</sup> BASE COACH, 3<sup>RD</sup> BASE COACH, AND THE COACH RUNNING THE MACHINE DO NOT NEED TO WEAR A MASK.