



Halfmoon Baseball League

COVID-19 Safety Plan

2020 Baseball Season

This is a fluid document and will be updated as the guidance changes from the CDC and NYS. Little League Baseball Best Practices serve as the base of these safety guidelines.

General Guidance

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer than contains at least 60% alcohol. Players are encouraged to bring their own had sanitizer for personal use.
- Health screening checklist. Before heading to the field, all players/coaches/spectators should go through this self-wellness checklist:
 - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
 - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat (that cannot be directly attributable to another condition, i.e. allergies)?
 - Do you have a fever (temperature above 100.4 degrees)?
 - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?
 - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?

If you answer “YES” to any of the screening questions, please stay home.

On Field Safety Procedures

- No handshaking or personal contact celebrations – No handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations.
- No sharing of food or drinks.
- All coaches and umpires should wear face coverings when within 6ft. of a player or another coach.
- Players are not required to have face coverings while playing, however players should wear face coverings while in the dugout or where 6ft. of distance cannot be maintained. Players will be allowed to wear face coverings on the field if they or their parents make the decision to.
- There will be assigned spots in the dugout and the 1st and 3rd baselines for the players and coaches to stand to ensure a 6ft distance. Players must stay in these assigned spots while not on the field.
- No equipment in the dugout. It must be kept outside of the dugout and kept 6ft apart.
- Players must have their own helmet, glove, bat and batting gloves. There will be no sharing of equipment.

- Catcher's Equipment: There is no sharing of personal catchers equipment for those who have it. The league will provide 6 sets of catchers of equipment at each field (3 per team). Coaches should plan to rotate 3 catchers each game. At the end of every game, each coach is responsible for the cleaning of their team's catchers equipment. Prior to the start of every game, the equipment should be cleaned again. Disinfectant spray and paper towels will be provided in each dugout.
- No spectators should retrieve foul balls. Players, coaches and umpires only.
- No sunflower seeds or chewing gum. Players and coaches are to refrain from spitting at all times.

Game Operations and Umpires

- Pre-game meetings – one coach from each team and umpires. All participants should have face coverings. No players should ever be part of the pre-game meetings.
- 3 coach maximum per team. If someone other than a coach is keeping score, it should be outside of the dugout.
- All field maintenance tools should be disinfected prior to returning to the shed. Each dugout will have disinfectant spray and paper towels.
- Junior Umpires will be placed behind the pitcher to call balls and strikes. Maintain 6ft distance where possible.
- Umpires should wear face coverings.

Facilities & Fans

- We encourage no more than 2 spectators per participating player, in accordance with current NYS guidance.
- Batting Cages – There will be designated markings on the outside of cages 1 and 3 for players to stand while waiting to hit. No players will be allowed in this area if not in a designated spot. No players should be standing directly in front of the cages. Players/Coaches should wear a face covering when standing in these designated spots. Player/Coaches do not have to wear a face covering while hitting or throwing. The batting cage situation will be monitored closely. If the rules are not be adhered to, we will close down the cages prior to rec games. There will be no throwing allowed outside of the cage area.
- Fans/Parents/Family: We respectfully request all spectators to follow proper social distancing practices – 6ft. In situations, where you are unable to maintain 6ft. distance, a face covering should be worn. Please respect other spectators personal space.
- Concession stand – Our concession stand will be open as soon as is permitted by NYS regulations and the Town of Halfmoon but will be limited to pre-packaged food and drink items.