



# West Yorba Linda Little League **Safety Manual**

League# 405-56-17





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This Safety Manual for West Yorba Linda Little League (WYLLL) exceeds the requirements set forth by Little League Baseball. The Safety Manual is updated on an annual basis to accommodate changes in local, State and Federal laws to provide our players and our families with a safe place to enjoy the game of baseball.

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### **Safety Tips from Baseball’s Greats**

*It’s hard to beat a person who never gives up.*

Babe Ruth

*There are three types of baseball players: those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happens.*

[Tommy Lasorda](#)

*You can observe a lot by just watching.*

[Yogi Berra](#)

*Baseball is like driving, it’s the one who gets home safely that counts.*

[Tommy Lasorda](#)

*Don’t let the fear of striking out hold you back.*

Babe Ruth

*Safety First. Safety Always.*

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## 1.0 Safety Officer

### A Message from the Safety Officer

Welcome to another fun and exciting season of West Yorba Linda Little League baseball – District 56's finest! We strive to provide a positive learning environment while keeping our players and families safe. This Safety Manual will be made available to all appropriate volunteers and published on our website at [www.wylll.com](http://www.wylll.com). This Safety Manual supersedes all other versions. These rules exist to keep everyone safe and prevent injuries and accidents. Please **FOLLOW THESE RULES** for the safety of all the players, parents, families and league participants. When in doubt, use common sense and err on the side of safety.

The Board of Directors at WYLLL is dedicated to providing a safe environment. If you see something unsafe around our fields, please let us know so we can make necessary adjustments.

Above all – remember to have FUN!

### Sean Durante

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## 2.0 Safety Manual Distribution

A copy of this Safety Manual will be distributed to all team managers and Board Members prior to the start of the season and one shall be kept inside the snack bar near the entrance. It will also be available on the [West Yorba Linda Little League](http://www.wylll.com) web site.

## 3.0 Emergency Contacts

**In case of emergency, dial 9-1-1.**

Agency	Phone Number
Fire (non-emergency)	714-538-3501
Police (non-emergency dispatch) Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD)	714-647-7000, After language prompt, Option 9
Yorba Linda City Hall	714-961-7100
Yorba Linda Parks & Recreation	714-961-7160
Yorba Linda Public Works (Normal Business Hours)	714-961-7170
Weekends/After Hours, Contact OCSD	714-647-7000, After language prompt, Option 9



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The following are for **EMERGENCIES ONLY**.

If you have a question or concern, please send an email to the appropriate Board Member.

Position	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
President	Brian Miller	714-791-4428	wylllpresident@gmail.com
Vice President	Sean Durante	714-948-0881	wylllsean@gmail.com
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T-Ball/Minor A Player Agent	Simon Chen	562-225-5239	simonwylll@gmail.com
AAA Player Agent	Ryan Hervey	714-797-4555	wylllryan@gmail.com
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Field Commissioner	Mike Atwood	714-349-0464	coach.atwood@gmail.com
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Concession Manager	Krista Abeyta	714-496-2728	krista.bee@hotmail.com
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### 3.0A Injury Procedure

1. Provide basic first aid as appropriate per your training. Ask others to help if needed.
2. Call 9-1-1 if necessary, to obtain help from Paramedics/Fire Department.
3. Contact the player's parent or guardian and advise the Safety Officer or a Board Member on Duty.
4. If Paramedics were called, provide Paramedic personnel the player's medical release form
5. Ensure that a responsible adult (Manager, Coach, Board Member and/or family member) remains with the player at all times if transported to the hospital.
6. Complete an [Incident/Injury Tracking Report](#) for all injuries and an [Accident Claim Form](#) for any injuries that require professional medical treatment or possible serious injuries. All forms, including the [Accident Claim Form Instructions](#), can be found on the [Little League International website](#) or in the file cabinet in the back of the Snack Shack labeled "Safety."
7. Contact the Safety Officer for all injuries within 48-hours of the injury.
8. Submit all forms to the Safety Officer via drop box at the snack shack, email or in person.
9. The Safety Officer will follow up accordingly and submit all forms to the District Administrator and Little League Headquarters.
10. The Safety Officer will also assist the injured party in filing insurance claims, when necessary, against the league's insurance policy.



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## 4.0 Volunteer Application

West Yorba Linda Little League is run entirely by volunteers. Our focus is on developing an atmosphere of “Family, Friends, and Community.” During registration, parents can indicate their interest in volunteering for the current season. All potential managers, coaches, and volunteers who have repetitive contact with players are required to complete the league’s annual volunteer application which grants permission for a criminal background check. The volunteer application process must be completed prior to representing the league in any capacity. Volunteers must complete the Volunteer Application on our website at [www.wylll.com](http://www.wylll.com). Any flagged background check will be investigated by the Safety Officer and President to determine if the applicant meets Little League requirements to participate as a league volunteer. Anyone refusing to complete a Volunteer Application is ineligible to be a league member. Approved volunteers whose background check is subsequently flagged during the calendar year will be suspended to allow the league to investigate and make a final determination on continued volunteer privileges.

### Little League® Volunteer Application – 2021

Do not use forms from past years. Use extra paper to complete if additional space is required.

This volunteer application should only be used if a league is manually entering information into JDP or an outside background check provider that meets the standards of Little League Regulations 1(c)(9). THIS FORM SHOULD NOT BE COMPLETED IF A LEAGUE IS UTILIZING THE JDP QUICKAPP. Visit [LittleLeague.org/LocalGCcheck](http://LittleLeague.org/LocalGCcheck) for more information.

A COPY OF VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED PHOTO IDENTIFICATION MUST BE ATTACHED TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION.

All RED fields are required.

Name First Middle Name or Initial Last \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security # (mandatory) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Special professional training, skills, hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Community affiliations (Clubs, Service Organizations, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Previous volunteer experience (including baseball/softball and year): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you have children in the program?  Yes  No  
If yes, list full name and what level? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Special Certification (CPR, Medical, etc.)? If yes, list: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No

3. Do you have a valid driver's license?  Yes  No  
Driver's License#: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

4. Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, plead no contest, or guilty to any crime(s) involving or against a minor, or of a sexual nature?  
If yes, describe each in full: \_\_\_\_\_  Yes  No  
(If volunteer answered yes to Question 4, the local league must contact the Little League Security Manager.)

5. Have you ever been convicted of or plead no contest or guilty to any crime(s)?  Yes  No  
If yes, describe each in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Answering yes to Question 5, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.)

6. Do you have any criminal charges pending against you regarding any crime(s)?  Yes  No  
If yes, describe each in full: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Answering yes to Question 6, does not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.)

7. Have you ever been refused participation in any other youth programs and/or listed on the SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database or USA Baseball Ineligible List?  Yes  No  
If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If volunteer answered yes to Question 7, the local league must contact the Little League Security Manager.)

In which of the following would you like to participate? (Check one or more.)

League Official  Umpire  Manager  Concession Stand  
 Coach  Field Maintenance  Scorekeeper  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please list three references, at least one of which has knowledge of your participation as a volunteer in a youth program:

Name/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

IF YOU LIVE IN A STATE THAT REQUIRES A SEPARATE BACKGROUND CHECK BY LAW, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THAT STATE'S BACKGROUND CHECK. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STATE LAWS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [LittleLeague.org/SpStateLaw](http://LittleLeague.org/SpStateLaw)

AS A CONDITION OF VOLUNTEERING, I give permission for the Little League organization to conduct background check(s) on me now and as long as I continue to be active with the organization, which may include a review of sex offender registries (some of which contain name only searches which may result in a report being generated that may or may not be me), child abuse and criminal history records. I understand that, if appointed, my position is conditional upon the league receiving no inappropriate information on my background. I hereby release and agree to hold harmless from liability the local Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the officers, employees and volunteers thereof, or any other person or organization that may provide such information. I also understand that, regardless of previous appointments, Little League is not obligated to appoint me to a volunteer position. If appointed, I understand that, prior to the expiration of my term, I am subject to suspension by the President and removal by the Board of Directors for violation of Little League policies or principles.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If Minor/Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Name (please print or type) \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: The local Little League and Little League Baseball, Incorporated will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or disability.

LOCAL LEAGUE USE ONLY:

Background check completed by league officer \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_

System(s) used for background check (minimum of one must be checked):  
**Review the Little League Regulation 1(d)(9) for all background check requirements**

JDP (Includes review of the SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary and USA Baseball Ineligible List)\*

OR

National Criminal Database check  SafeSport Centralized Disciplinary Database and/or USA Baseball Ineligible List Sex Offender

National Sex Offender Registry

\*Please be advised that if you use JDP and there is a name match in the few states where only name match searches can be performed you should notify volunteers that they will receive a letter or email directly from JDP in compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act containing information regarding all the criminal records associated with the name, which may not necessarily be the league volunteer.

Only attach to this application copies of background check reports that reveal convictions of this application.

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Volunteers selected to participate in league activities will also be required to complete safety training. Training for this season will include:

- Basic First Aid
- [Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports](#) (effective 2016)
- [“Safe Sport Act of 2017](#) (effective 2018)
- [Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#) (effective 2020)



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### 5.0 Fundamentals Training

Managers and coaches are required to attend a coach's clinic approved by the League. Training is good for 3 years. At least 1 member of each coaching staff from each team must attend each year. WYLLL mandates all managers to attend at least one Official Little League Coaches Training before they begin managing a team. Local baseball programs like Cal State Fullerton offer training options to assist Managers and Coaches in meeting this requirement.

### 6.0 First-Aid Training

As part of the Managers meeting, or as a separate meeting, the League will provide safety training to volunteers that will include the following:

- Basic First Aid training
- [Heads Up Concussion in Youth Sports](#) (effective 2016)
- [Safe Sport Act of 2017](#) (effective 2018)
- [Sudden Cardiac Arrest](#) (effective 2020)

Volunteers that are healthcare professionals, such as doctors, nurses, or paramedics should be used whenever possible to facilitate such training to provide the best possible experience for other volunteers. Individuals attending outside first-aid training courses ARE NOT exempt from this training requirement; however, doctors, nurses, and paramedics are exempt.

Each Manager will be given a basic first aid kit at the beginning of the season. Managers are responsible for bringing the first aid kit to every practice and game. Additional supplies can be obtained from the Safety Officer as necessary. A more extensive first aid kit and ice are available at the Snack Shack as needed.

### 7.0 Check Field Conditions

The Board of Directors at WYLLL take great pride of ownership in our fields and facilities. We expect all volunteers to follow these requirements to maintain a safe and clean playing environment:

- Before games:
  - Umpires, managers and coaches will inspect the playing field to make sure that there are no dangerous materials on the ground or the fences, such as: sticks, rocks, glass, or holes
- After each game:
  - Managers will make sure that all waste is removed from the field and dugouts.
  - Inspect the entire playing field for dangerous materials on the ground or the fences, such as sticks, rocks, glass, or holes.
  - Managers will also inspect the spectator area and remove any potentially dangerous materials
- Managers must make every effort to make sure there are at least two adults present at practice sessions and games





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### 8.0 Facility Survey

Playing and spectator facilities shall be inspected annually for any changes, needs or improvements that may need to be addressed keeping safety in mind. An updated Facility Survey must be submitted to Little League annually. A copy of the Facility Survey will also be kept on file by WYLLL.

### 9.0 Concession Stand (Snack Shack) Safety

Each year, we work to make the Snack Shack a safer place for the people who work in it. Many hazards of the past have been removed from the Snack Shack. Double boilers, hot dog steamers, hot coffee decanters, crock pots, and fryers are long gone. Procedures for the safe use of all Snack Shack equipment have been developed and well-documented. Below is a list of important points to remember about the Snack Shack:

- Volunteers MUST WASH THEIR HANDS each time they enter the Snack Shack.
- Volunteers showing symptoms of illness should not be allowed in the food service area.
- Volunteers with cuts or sores should wear gloves.
- Uncooked or cold foods requiring refrigeration should be cooled as quickly as possible and stored at a temperature of 40 degrees or below.
- Cooked or hot foods should be kept at a temperature of 140 degrees or higher. Ground beef and ground pork products should be cooked to an internal temperature of 155 degrees. Poultry should be cooked to a temperature of 165 degrees.
- Practice good house-keeping in the Snack Shack. Clean up spills immediately to help avoid accidents
- Safe food handling and preparation procedures are well-documented and posted in the Snack Shack. It is the responsibility of all Snack Shack volunteers to familiarize themselves with the contents therein.
- Unplug the cheese & chili warmer, hot dog cooker, and pretzel/churro cooker & warmers. Let them cool before cleaning. It is critical to unplug them first to avoid electric shock.
- Lift heavy items properly. Bend your knees and use a straight back. Most importantly, please DO NOT lift any objects heavier than you can comfortably handle.
- Make sure that the CO2 tank is well-secured when in use. Be sure to tighten the hose properly to avoid leaks when changing tanks. Rip off the tag to indicate empty tanks
- The barbecue grill can be scrubbed with a wire brush to clean it when it is still warm. Allow it to fully cool before cleaning any other portion. Also, allow the barbecue to fully cool outside and make sure the propane tanks and all knobs are turned to the off position before storing it in the rear of the snack shack. IF IN DOUBT LEAVE IT OUT - do not risk placing it inside if it is still too warm.
- Children under the age of 14 are not allowed in the Snack Shack. Those aged 14 – 18 must always be supervised by an adult
- Double check the location and proper use of fire extinguishers. Ensure they are fully charged in case you need to use one of them. There is one fire extinguisher in the front of the Snack Shack and one to the rear. If you find that the fire extinguisher is not fully charged, notify the Snack Shack Coordinator or the Safety Officer immediately

### 10.0 Equipment Check & Playing Conditions

All equipment, including, but not limited to, bats, helmets, catcher's gear, and bases should be in good working order. Managers or Coaches should inspect all equipment to be used in a practice or game to ensure it does not pose a safety risk to any of the participants. Weather conditions should also be evaluated to ensure it is safe to play. Further details are as follows:



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### Batters

- Batters must only use Little League approved bats (USA bats effective 2018)
- Batters must wear Little League approved protective helmets during batting practices and games. Batting/catchers helmets shall not be painted unless approved by the manufacturer.

### Catchers

- Catchers must wear catcher's helmet (with face mask and throat guard), shin guards, long model chest protector, and protective cup with athletic supporter when catching with a batter present.
- Catchers warming up a pitcher must wear catcher's helmet (with face mask and throat guard)
- This applies prior to game time, between innings and in bullpen practice. **No exceptions**
- Managers and Coaches **are not permitted** to warm up pitchers on the field immediately prior to or during games.

### Base-runners

- Head first slides are not permitted unless returning to previous base
- Breakaway bases are placed on both the Major and Minor League Fields
- Anchored bases are not allowed

### Protective Equipment

- Managers should encourage all players to wear protective cups and supporters for practices and games
- The yellow plastic covering on the outfield fences should be inspected at least weekly to ensure that it continues to be secured properly to outfield fences in both the major and minor league fields
- Use Reduced impact balls for the T-ball and Clinic Divisions
- Parents of players who wear glasses should be encouraged to utilize Safety Glasses
- Players must not wear watches, rings, pins, jewelry, or other metallic items

### Games/Practices

- Only Background cleared managers, coaches, umpires and players are permitted on the playing field or in the dugout during games and practice sessions
- During practice sessions and games, all players should be alert and watching the batter on each pitch
- Managers are required to have a phone available during all practices/games. If a manager does not have a cell phone available, a parent/volunteer or coach must be identified to stay during the entire practice
- During warm-up drills, players should be spaced so that errant balls endanger no one
- Bats are not allowed to be swung immediately outside of the batting cages

### Weather

- No games or practice sessions will be held when weather or field conditions are not good, or when lighting is inadequate
- Managers/coaches must maintain strict compliance to our inclement weather policy. Games/practices should not be held on excessively wet fields
- If there is measurable rain within 48 hours of practice or games, the decision to close fields or cancel games will be made by:
  - The City of Yorba Linda for weekday events. The decision will be made by 3:00 PM
  - Members of the Board of Directors after 3:00 PM or on weekends
  - Mutual agreement of both managers if a Board Member is not present.





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- After the game has started, the umpires have full discretion as to the continuation of the game.
- The game may be halted for up to 20 minutes, if necessary, to allow rain to pass.

### Heat Preparedness

Living and playing ball in Southern California requires extra vigilance about heat exhaustion and dehydration. Be aware of your players and the umpires; catchers and pitchers need special attention. Make sure they drink plenty of liquids. You may also want to think about having a bucket of ice water and rags in the dugout, so the catcher, pitcher, or other players can cool off.

Thirst is a key indicator of dehydration. Once they get thirsty, they've waited too long. Watch their behavior to see if they are suffering any effects of the heat. If the temperature gets above 90 degrees, the game must be stopped for 5 minutes and all players and umpires must relax in the shade during that time. A second break may be taken if necessary.

### Reporting

- Notify the appropriate League Director if any manager is not following the safety code or is not following safe procedures

### Miscellaneous

- At no time, shall horse play be permitted on the playing field
- Little League regulations prohibit on-deck batters
- Players are not to handle a bat, even while in the dugout, until it is his/her time at bat
- Players who are ejected, ill, or injured should remain under supervision until released to the parent or guardian

At least once annually the league will conduct an inspection of ALL league issued equipment. The league Equipment Manager conducts this inspection prior to issuing equipment to coaches for the Spring season. Any defective, malfunctioning, or ineffective equipment will be removed from service.

## 11.0 Accident Reporting

Managers are responsible for reporting accidents or injuries to the League Safety Officer **within 24-48 hours** of the incident. Managers must:

- Complete an [Incident/Injury Tracking Report](#) for all injuries
- Complete an [Accident Claim Form](#) for any injuries that require professional medical treatment or possible serious injuries.
- All forms, including the [Accident Claim Form Instructions](#), can be found on the [Little League International website](#) or in the file cabinet in the back of the Snack Shack labeled "Safety."

Safety is everyone's responsibility at West Yorba Linda Little League. Accidents are best prevented by following the rules of the Safety Manual. Volunteers, spectators, and visitors are encouraged to report any potential hazards to the Safety Officer immediately so that corrections can be made to reduce the chance of accident or injury. The Board of Directors is always proactively seeking feedback on how to enhance safety and prevent accidents.



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### 12.0 First-Aid Kits

Each Manager will be given a basic first aid kit when picking up their equipment prior to the first practice. Managers are responsible for bringing the first aid kit to every practice and game. Additional supplies can be obtained from the Safety Officer as necessary. A more extensive first aid kit and ice are available at the Snack Shack as needed.

### 13.0 Enforce Little League Rules

Managers will be provided an official Little League Rule Book for the current season. Rules regarding equipment and player safety will be strictly enforced. For any questions regarding these rules, please contact the Safety Officer. Additional rule enforcement includes:

- Local rules will also be published by the League.
  - Managers will be given the Local Rules at the Manager's meeting.
  - Local rules will also be posted on the League website.
- Managers must abide by the Code of Conduct
- Managers are responsible for ALL player, coach, and spectator safety at all times.

The most common rules that are violated are listed below. Don't allow this to happen at your practice or game.

- Swinging a bat without a helmet. Helmets must be worn if a player has a bat in their hands.
- Managers/Coaches catching for a pitcher. This is NEVER allowed. Only a player in full catcher's gear can warm up a pitcher.
- Players throwing bats. Teach your players to hang on to their bats.
- Players standing in a dugout opening. Players should always remain behind the fence when in the dugout.

### 14.0 Player / Coach Data

The League shall submit Player and Coach Data to Little League as required.

### 15.0 Answer Survey Questions

The League shall submit answers to questions regarding background checks to Little League.



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## 16.0 WYLLL Commitment to Safety

### OVERVIEW

It is the policy of WYLLL to provide an environment in which the risk of injury is reduced to the lowest possible level by the application of our published safety code. Behavior in violation of the safety code will be treated as misconduct and may result in the application of appropriate corrective action up to and including dismissal.

The Safety Officer position is a part of WYLLL Elected Board Members which is reported to Little League Headquarters. The Safety Officer is responsible for the communication, application, and enforcement of the safety code rests in the hands of the Safety Officer.

WYLLL has spent a great deal of time and money to make our league a safe place.

In the past, we:

- Installed nets over bleachers to prevent fans from being hit by foul balls.
- Installed screens on the dugouts and backstops to prevent distractions to the players.
- Constructed fully enclosed scorekeeper booths on three of the fields.
- Removed all equipment in the Snack Shack that involved hot water or grease for cooking.
- Supplied all teams with First Aid kits and the Snack Shack with a large First Aid kit.
- Changed the cheese & chili dispenser in the Snack Shack to safer, self-enclosed dispensing machines.
- Incorporated RIF (Reduced Injury Factor) balls for T-Ball, Minor-As, and Single-A levels.
- Supplied the Senior League teams with helmets capable of withstanding 90 mph pitches.
- Provide L-screens in the batting cages.
- Provided the Major level teams with new catcher's equipment including a new hockey style catcher's helmet.
- Purchased a portable canopy for the Snack Shack BBQ area to help keep the smoke contained and provide workers with a shaded area.

### Teaching Safety

Instruct to the level of your audience. For the beginning players, skill development should begin gradually. Most injuries occur when running, sliding, batting, and fielding. Make the effort to develop these skills in players at a young age. Then, teach the players how to work as part of a team. This helps them to understand the idea of supporting their teammates on the field. It also keeps them involved in the game/practice. Many injuries occur because a player is not paying attention to what is going on around them.

Attend as many of the Coaching Clinics as possible to learn how to teach proper warm-up techniques and skill development. Your players are counting on you to lead them in safe development.



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### **Safety is Everyone's Responsibility**

Our players deserve to play the game of baseball without the fear of injury caused by unsafe playing fields or unsafe actions of the managers, coaches, volunteers or spectators.

Each manager, coach, umpire, scorekeeper, team volunteer, league volunteer, and elected league official is required to fill out a Little League Volunteer Application Form. Each of the above listed persons will also need to provide consent for a Criminal History/Sex Offender Registry check. These applications will be maintained as confidential files at the West Yorba Linda Little League office.

It is the primary responsibility of the managers to ensure a safe playing area for practices and games. This includes ensuring that a First Aid kit is present at each practice and game. If a manager cannot resolve a safety issue, he/she should call the Safety Officer immediately. Parents should also help remove safety hazards from all playing fields. This could be the field itself, the reckless manner of players warming up, or the behavior of a spectator. Please report any safety problems to your manager or to the Safety Officer for resolution.

Remember that Little League is for children of all types of ability and development. As adults, all managers, coaches, and parents have the obligation to protect children from danger and injury. All adults must make safety the first and foremost priority. Having fun is second to safety; however, safe conditions promote fun. We must all be on the lookout for dangerous conditions and repair them immediately, if possible. If not, notify the Field Commissioner or Safety Officer via the Safety Hazard Notification Form, located in the Snack Shack.

**We are most effective in preventing accidents when we all share responsibility for tenaciously removing hazards.**

### **Getting the Word Out**

The league will update the WYLLL website and Facebook page with news of upcoming events and important information. Additionally, the league will use the email database to relay information.

### **Getting the Word Back**

Communicate with the Board of Directors by email which can be found on the league website at [www.wylll.com/board-members](http://www.wylll.com/board-members)

Check the WYLLL website at [www.wylll.com](http://www.wylll.com)



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### 17.0 Pitchers/Catchers Throwing Rules

Managers are responsible for ensuring that Pitchers and Catchers do not exceed the throwing limits established in the Little League Rule Book. If a player reports arm pain, they are to be removed from the Pitcher or Catcher positions immediately.

#### PITCHERS

- Any player on a regular season team may pitch.
  - **NOTE:** There is no limit to the number of pitchers a team may use in a game.
- The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his/her age group as noted below, but the pitcher may remain in the game at another position:

League Age	Pitches Per Day
13-16	95
11-12	85
9-10	75
7-8	50
6 and under	MAY NOT PITCH

**Exception:** If a pitcher reaches the limit listed above for his/her league age while facing a batter, the pitcher may continue to pitch until any one of the following conditions occurs: 1. That batter reaches base; 2. That batter is put out; 3. The third out is made to complete the half-inning.

#### CATCHERS

Note 1: A pitcher who delivers 41 or more pitches in a game cannot play the position of catcher for the remainder of that day.

Note 2: Any player who has played the position of catcher in four or more innings in a game is not eligible to pitch on that calendar day.

#### REQUIRED REST

Pitchers league age 14 and under must adhere to the following rest requirements:

Pitches Per Day	Calendar Days of Rest Required
66 or more	4 days
51-65	3 days
36-50	2 days
21-35	1 days
1-20	0 days

### 18.0 Safety Officer's Duties

It is the Safety Officer's duty to observe practices and games to make sure that the players, coaches, and fans are taking reasonable precautions to ensure safe play. Players, coaches, and fans are also encouraged to offer advice and encouragement to players when appropriate or necessary.

The Safety Officer helps educate and train all participants so that they are ambassadors of safety. One of his primary goals is to prevent accidents before they occur, instead of reacting to unfortunate mishaps that cause injuries.



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The Board of Directors can invoke disciplinary action against anyone who continually violates safe practices. Discipline could include being removed from the premises for an indefinite period.

Additional responsibilities of the Safety Officer include:

- First Aid Training – Provide a mandatory First Aid training for all coaches and managers. This training is done at the mandatory pre-season Managers/Coaches meeting.
- First Aid Kits – Assist coaches and managers in maintaining stocked First Aid kits as well as ensure that kits are stocked and available to the Valley View fields. All teams have a team First Aid kit in their gear bags. The Snack Shack First Aid kit has a larger range and greater volume of supplies.
- Criminal History/Sex Offender Registry Checks – Each manager, coach, umpire, scorekeeper, team volunteer, league volunteer, and elected league official will be required to fill out a Little League Volunteer Application Form and provide consent for this background check.
- WYLLL is performing Sex Offender Registry checks on all applicants, with a goal for the season of performing both background checks on all applicants.
- Emergency Notification Forms – Each team receives emergency notification forms that need to be filled out by the player's parent or guardian. A copy needs to be returned to the Safety Officer for filing.
- Safety Manual – It is the responsibility of the Safety Officer to update the Safety Manual as needed for each Little League season. Requirements of the Little League Safety Manual are sent each year to the Safety Officer from Little League Headquarters. The manual is printed and stored on a computer disc.
- Accident Notification Forms – When an injury has occurred and needs to be reported, the manager is responsible for working with the injured party, parent/ guardian to complete page-1 of the Accident Notification Form. The form must be sent within 48 hours to the Safety Officer's email, [wyllesean@gmail.com](mailto:wyllesean@gmail.com).
- Once the Safety Officer is notified of the injury, he should contact the injured person and parent/guardian to obtain information, so he can file the report with the Little League Headquarters.
- The Safety Officer shall have his name on file with Little League International.
- The Safety Officer is responsible for completing and filing the annual Little League Facility Survey.





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## WYLLL COVID PROTOCOLS

### DO NOT ATTEND

Do not attend any League event if you have any COVID symptoms, including, but not limited to:

Fever Sore Throat

Cough Shortness of Breath

Headache

Seek immediate help from a medical professional if you are experiencing any of these symptoms.

If a player or coach has tested positive for COVID, please adhere to the following WYLLL protocol:

### COVID Positive

IMMEDIATELY email your Coach and [SAFETY@WYLLL.com](mailto:SAFETY@WYLLL.com) to inform the League of the positive COVID test

Discontinue attending league events

He/She may return to league activities when ALL 3 criteria are met:

1. A minimum of 5 days have passed since your positive test result or first symptoms appeared AND
2. Your symptoms have improved AND
3. Fever-free for the last 24 hours (without using medicine that reduces fevers)

Guidance from California Department of Public Health

### COVID Close Contact

If a player or Coach has been in close contact with a COVID positive individual, please adhere to the following WYLLL protocol:

IMMEDIATELY email your Coach and [WYLLLSEAN@GMAIL.COM](mailto:WYLLLSEAN@GMAIL.COM) to inform the League

Discontinue league events

Player or coach may return to league activities 5 days after last exposure date or negative test.