

Venice Little League Reactivation Plans and Procedures

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Venice LL's plan to resume and finish its season involves starting practices on June 1st. Each team will play 6 games and the season will conclude on or close to July 2nd. No umpires will be used for the 6 games. Approved coaches will call balls, strikes, and outs.

INDIVIDUAL BEST PRACTICES BY PLAYERS AND COACHES

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or about the time it takes to recite the Little League Pledge twice, especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry. Leagues are encouraged to provide handwashing stations and/or hand sanitizer, if possible.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Players are encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer for personal use. Hand sanitizer should be placed in all common areas off-field for easy use.
- Anyone who is showing signs or symptoms of sickness should stay home.

PRACTICE

- Practices should be limited to the managers/coaches and players only.
- Social distancing of six feet should be observed by coaches and players. Coaches need to monitor this. This includes waiting in line at the batting cages.
- Players and coaches are allowed to wear PPE equipment during practice and games. It is strongly recommended that all coaches wear PPE equipment.
- Athletes, managers/coaches, and umpires should bring their own personal drinks to all team activities. Drinks should be labeled with the person's name. Individuals should take their own drink containers home each night for cleaning and sanitation or use single-use bottles.
- Coaches and players should leave the fields as soon as their practices are over.
- Players should have their own individual batter's helmet, glove, bat, and catcher's equipment. No sharing equipment.
- Player's equipment (e.g. bags, helmets, bats, gloves, etc.) should be cleaned and disinfected after each use by a parent/guardian/caretaker, where applicable.
- Player equipment should be spaced accordingly outside the dugout to prevent direct contact.
- Sunflower seeds, gum, etc., should not be allowed in dugouts or on the playing field.

GAME PLAY

- Social distancing of six feet between individuals should be implemented during all pre-game plate meetings between teams and umpires.
- Social distancing of six feet should be observed at all times during warm up, batting cages, and game play.

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- Managers/coaches and players should be assigned spots on the bleachers so that they are at least six feet apart and must be placed behind a fence. If dugouts are used, they should be wiped and sanitized.
- Players are to stay at their assigned spots when on the bench or while waiting their turn to bat.
- Please consider bringing an extra folding chair for your player. Dugouts will be extended outside of the normal dugout.
- Athletes, managers/coaches, and umpires should bring their own personal drinks to all team activities. Drinks should be labeled with the person's name. Individuals should take their own drink containers home each night for cleaning and sanitation or use single-use bottles.
- Players and coaches should take measures to prevent all but the essential contact necessary to play the game. This should include refraining from handshakes, high fives, fist/elbow bumps, chest bumps, group celebrations, etc. Little League International suggests lining up outside the dugout and tipping caps to the opposing team as a sign of good sportsmanship after a game.
- Players and families should not arrive to the field more than 1 hour from their scheduled game times.
- Players and families should vacate the field/facility as soon as is reasonably possible after the conclusion of their game to minimize unnecessary contact with players, coaches, and spectators from the next game, ideally within 15 minutes.
- Players should have their own individual batter's helmet, glove, bat, and catcher's equipment. No sharing equipment. If VLL catchers equipment is used, equipment must be sanitized between player uses.
- Player equipment should be spaced accordingly outside the dugout to prevent direct contact.
- Foul balls landing outside the field of play should be retrieved by participating players and coaches. No spectators should retrieve the ball.
- Sunflower seeds, gum, etc., should not be allowed in dugouts or on the playing field.
- The VLL concession stand will remain closed for the rest of the season.
- Please do not gather in groups in the parking lot. The parking lot is part of the complex and social distancing is needed there as well.
- Please do not stand in lines at the restrooms. If they are full please use the 6 foot distancing as you await your turn.
- Baseballs will be rotated throughout the game.
- Coaches and players should sanitize their hands after each inning.
- Coaches and parents are responsible for following the rules themselves and making sure that their players are following the rules.
- The Venice LL board will enforce the rules and ask anyone at risk, or not following the rules to leave the complex.