

DERBY LITTLE LEAGUE

Hello, Derby Little League Parents and Guardians:

I hope this email finds all of our families in the best of health and safe from the problems that we are presently going through. The Derby Little League, after much planning, will hopefully open its 2020 season this year the week of July 13th. After many meetings we have come up with safety guidelines to allow us to have a season this year. The City of Derby and District #3 has approved this plan and we will implement it when we start our first day of practice. Almost all of the District #3 teams are also planning to have a season.

If our plan is going to work, it is going to mean that we will need the help of all our parents, guardians and friends to make sure the plan is appropriately followed and our Little League players are kept safe while they again enjoy our sport of baseball.

Within the next few days there will be league officials calling all of our players to see if there is a desire to play this year. It is understandable that there are concerns, but we will do the best we can to make sure the players are safe during their time with us. As I previously mentioned, it is important that you read the guidelines closely and do your part to make this a safe journey for all of us.

These are unprecedented times and it will be impossible for the league to do everything on our own. So you must do your part if we are to be successful with this program.

Please be safe and let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ken Marcucio &

The Derby Little League Executive Board

Bellow is Derby Little League COVID-19 Response Plan

For all the latest information and update from Little League International please visit <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/coronavirus-update/>

For all the latest coronavirus information, please visit [coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus).

Derby Little League 2020 COVID 19 Safety Response Plan

Implementation Date:

- Open registration - 7/1 – Registration will remain open through the course of the entire season
- Practice Schedule – Tentative start is week of 7/13
- Game Schedule - TBD

Please note: All of the information below has been gathered from three sources:

- International Little League web site
- CIAC Resocialization of Athletics Guidance
- CT Reopens Sports Fitness Centers_C3_V1

IMPORTANT NOTE: Please stay home if you or your child is sick or experience any symptoms

Category	Details
Screenings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players/Coaches/Officials/Family should all self -screen before coming – follow CDC guidelines. See CIAC Appendix 1 checklist • Each coach/volunteer will track self-screenings to help in the situation of a confirmed positive case. Each team will let the safety officer (Christina Quick – chrvargas@aol.com) know who that individual will be. • If sick – stay home and call your doctor. • Anyone with positive symptoms cannot participate and should alert their coach immediately. • Manager/Head Coach will alert Safety officer (Christina Quick chrvargas@aol.com). Safety officer will notify the board and manager/coach will notify the immediate teams/officials that had any contact with the individual • REMINDER – HIPAA guidelines will be followed in all instances
Allowed in Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coaches, players, volunteers, officials, immediate household (max 5 per family) only • Max 100 (as of June 16th) people outdoors per state guidelines – includes all the above. • Minimum one parent will remain in attendance during all practices/games • 6-foot social distance markings will be put at the facility for each practice game
Spectators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If sick or not feeling well, stay home. • 6 feet social distancing between families – areas will be marked. • Spectators are encouraged to bring their own chairs • Must follow state guidelines as it pertains to wearing masks • Bleachers in the outfield as well as down first and third will be utilized for spectators – must social distance. • 6-foot social distance markings will be put at the facility for each practice game • Immediately after each practice/game everyone should leave promptly while practicing social distancing.
Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No handshakes, high fives or fist bumps. (No physical contact of any kind) • No spitting, gum or seeds in the dugout. • Parent discretion of a child wearing a mask when not in the field of play – must maintain social distancing guidelines • All should bring their own drink/food – no sharing. • No sharing of equipment if possible.
Coaches & Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • masks are mandatory when not able to maintain social distancing • No handshakes, high fives or fist bumps. (No physical contact of any kind) • No spitting, gum or seeds in the dugout. • All should bring their own drink/food – no sharing. • No sharing of equipment if possible.

Dugouts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hand sanitizer will be provided in the dugouts for all practices/games. • There will be three (3)?? players at a time in the dugout – keeping a 6-foot social distance. Number still to be determined • The bleachers nearest home plate for both home and away will be used for players/coaches/volunteers • Dugouts will be sanitized after every practice/game.
Player Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bat bag/equipment will remain in a separate designated spot outside of the dugout • No sharing equipment if at all possible – bat/helmet/batting gloves/glove. • If sharing a coach will disinfect the equipment before and after each use. • It is recommended that all player equipment bags should be disinfected at home after every practice/game.
Baseballs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseballs will be rotated and disinfected as needed
Umpires/Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Umpire will follow all district guidelines for safety precautions
Field Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathrooms will be cleaned & disinfected before and after each practice/game. • Hand sanitizer will be provided in the dugouts for all practices/games. • Dugouts will be sanitized after every practice/game. • Bleachers will be sanitized after every practice/game. • All field maintenance equipment will be sanitized after each practice/game. - IE rakes etc.
Scheduling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All practice/games will be scheduled with enough time in between to clean and disinfect as detailed above. Also, with enough time for all to leave before the next group arrives.
Concession stand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concession stand will be open in the event we can secure the proper volunteers. Board will determine what we will sell and state guidelines will be followed • Picnic tables will be moved to ensure social distancing throughout the facility

THE BIGGER THE VENUE THAT WE USE TO HAVE OUR CLINICS, THE EASIER IT WILL BE TO CONTROL DISTANCING FOR BOTH PLAYERS, PARENTS AND FANS. FOR THIS REASON, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE WE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THE USE OF PAYDEN PARK FOR OUR CLINICS AND GAMES IF WE HAVE ANY. WE WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO HAVE THREE PLAYERS IN THE DUGOUT, SO WE WILL NEED TO HAVE AN AREA TO PUT ALL THE OTHER PLAYERS WHEN A TEAM IS AT BAT OR WE ARE CONDUCTING OUR CLINICS. THAT AREA IS MUCH LARGER AT PAYDEN PARK. IF THAT IS NOT POSSIBLE WE WILL USE THE LITTLE LEAGUE FACILITIES.

