

Manasquan-Brielle Little League



Dear Manasquan-Brielle Little League families,

We want to update you on guidelines we have established for the 2020 season based on guidance provided by the New Jersey Department of Health. We also have been in contact with Little League International, other local leagues and baseball organizations. As you know, this is a fluid situation and the guidelines could change based on new information that could be provided by state or local government in the coming weeks. Our foremost priority is the safety and well-being of our players, coaches, volunteers, spectators and families. We hope you understand that this will be a coordinated effort. With everyone's help, we are confident that players will have great season.

We recommend the following for all players at all practices and games:

Mandatory items:

- Helmet
- Glove
- Bat
- Water/drink bottle with name on it
- Temperature and health questionnaire form or sign-in

Recommended items:

- Sanitizer
- Disinfecting wipes
- Mask/face covering

MBLL will take steps at the ball field to keep distance between players, managers and other volunteers and will restrict areas where parents and other spectators may enter. We welcome donations of items such as hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes.

Waivers must be signed by managers, coaches and other volunteers, as well as by parents or guardians on behalf of players before the start of the 2020 season. Waivers will be emailed, distributed by managers and are available from members of the MBLL board and at manasquanbriellelittleleague.com.

MBLL Program Participation Plan

The New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH) requires our organization to create a plan regarding the resumption of youth sports activities. This document also will be posted on our website (www.manasquanbriellelittleleague.com). The Health Department's "Guidance for Sports Activities" can be found on the State of New Jersey website, at:

https://nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_GuidanceForSportsActivities.pdf

The information in this document is not intended or implied to be a substitute for guidelines published by the New Jersey Department of Health but rather in addition to those guidelines. All content, including text, links and information, are provided for general informational purposes only. The knowledge and circumstances around COVID-19 are changing constantly and, as such, MBLL makes no representation and assumes no responsibility for the accuracy or completeness of this information. Also, you are reminded that this could change as the circumstances and information changes. Further, you should seek advice from medical professionals and/or public health officials if you have specific questions about your return to practice and competition.

General Preparations and Guidelines

- 1) Signage will be added fields to remind all individuals to remain cognizant of social distancing guidelines. We will take steps to separate players from one another, including asking players to keep their equipment separated from other players' equipment.
- 2) Players, coaches, volunteers, umpires, parents/guardians and other spectators should remain 6 feet apart from one another whenever possible.
- 3) Coaches should wear cloth face coverings when social distancing is not possible.
- 4) Players will be encouraged to wear cloth or disposable face coverings when not engaging in vigorous activity such as being in the dugout.
- 5) Face coverings should **not** be worn by staff or athletes when engaging in high intensity aerobic or anaerobic workouts, or where doing so would inhibit the individual's health.
- 6) Areas near the dugouts will be restricted from parents and other spectators.
- 7) Coaches, other volunteers, umpires, players and family member must not attend or participate in any MBLL activity if they are feeling ill; have tested positive for Covid-19, are showing Covid-19 symptoms or have been in close contact with a person with Covid-19. Anyone who becomes ill or shows symptoms while at an MBLL activity must leave immediately.
- 8) All players, coaches, other volunteers and umpires should bring their own water and drinks activities. Team water coolers for sharing through disposable cups are not permitted.

9) Players should not share equipment.

10) Spitting, handshakes, high-fives, team huddles, and any other close-contacting activities are prohibited.

11) Players are encouraged to bring hand sanitizer to activities for their individual use. They are encouraged to use it at practices and games at these times:

- after warm ups, such as catching and throwing
- between drills and batting practice portions of practices
- before and after a player's turn at batting practice

12) Coaches, parents/guardians should: a) Remind players not to touch their face while at practices or games, b) Remind players to remain separated to the greatest extent possible.

13) Surfaces such benches and bathroom fixtures will be sprayed with a cleaning solution after each game day.

14) Waivers must be signed by managers, coaches, other volunteers and umpires, as well as by parents or guardians on behalf of players before the start of the 2020 season.

15) A temperature and health questionnaire must be signed by a parent or guardian before their child will be permitted to participate in any practice or game. The temperature and health questionnaire will be available as a "permission form" or "sign-in form." If a player has a fever or any other symptom or condition listed on the form, the player must not participate and should return to home. Coaches, other volunteers and umpires also must complete the temperature and health questionnaire before each practice and game.

COVID Health Questionnaire Procedure

When dropping off your player you must either:

1. Confirm your player is healthy by signing the coaches '[Covid Questionnaire](#)'.
2. OR Sign a [questionnaire at home](#) to send with your player if they are riding their bike, catching a ride, etc.

Click on the links or visit www.manasquanbriellelittleleague.com for forms.

Important Note: The Covid Questionnaire Sign-Off needs to be completed before EVERY practice or game. We recommend bringing your own pen.

16) Players, coaches, other volunteers, umpires, parents/guardians and others should not attend MBLL activities if they are not comfortable with New Jersey Department of Health guidelines, these guidelines or guidelines set by any facility used for MBLL activities.

Note that all players, coaches, other volunteers, umpires, parents/guardians, spectators and other attendees must adhere to specifically required guidelines from the New Jersey Department of Health (NJ DOH Guidance for Sports Activities). Furthermore, because MBLL utilizes and competes within other towns and counties, additional requirements may be in place based on guidelines set forth by the hosting town or county.

Additional Game-Specific Guidelines (to be followed in addition to the above)

- 1) Upon arrival a player will place their equipment within the area restricted to players only (dugout or specified area). Equipment should be separated and will stay in that area for the course of the game.
- 2) Each player will stay with their equipment while in the dugout or specified area in order to stay a safe distance apart.
- 3) Coaches should wear cloth face coverings when social distancing is not possible.
- 4) Players will be encouraged to wear cloth or disposable face coverings when not engaging in vigorous activity such as being in the dugout.
- 5) Face coverings should **not** be worn by staff or athletes when engaging in high intensity aerobic or anaerobic workouts, or where doing so would inhibit the individual's health.
- 6) Umpires will be encouraged to wear face-covering whenever applicable and possible. "Plate" umpires calling pitches will be encouraged to wear surgical masks over the lower half of their standard protective facemask.
- 7) Each player will be required to use hand sanitizer after each inning in the field.
- 8) Each team should use their own balls while in the field during competition.
- 9) There will be no handshakes at the end of games
- 10) There will be no gum chewing or sunflower seed chewing or spitting

As stated, this document is to serve as additional guidance for MBLL as does not act as a replacement for New Jersey Department of Health or CDC guidelines.

