

# RPLL 2020 Safety Plan - Local Rules in Response to Covid-19

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# Introduction

We have put together these local rules to complement the Little League District 32 Covid-19 Safety Plan as a guide to Players, Volunteers and Spectators in ensuring a safe environment for all in response to the Covid-19 virus. The safety of the entire RPLL community has always been and will continue to be our top priority. We have put together this document considering local, state and federal guidelines, best practices from Little League International and other youth sports organizations across the country and have consulted with Dr. Andrew Wilke who is an ER Doctor.

Please read through the District Safety Plan and this document carefully before signing your acknowledgement. As a result of Covid-19, our District and league will be implementing many new safety-related rules and it is important that all members of our community understand the district and local rules. We encourage you to spend time reviewing these new rules with your player as the volume of change is high and it will be difficult for our Manager and Coach volunteers to ensure compliance with these new rules without help from within players' homes.

The contents of this and the District document will be expanded to include game-day guidelines and may change during the season as Covid-19 best practices and regulations are often changing. As there are any in-season changes to either document, we will distribute a new version via [rpll.org](http://rpll.org) and email and will conduct a safety meeting if appropriate.

We know some of these new rules will feel uncomfortable and may at times feel we are not playing "real baseball". However, all of the rules and guidelines are in an effort to keep our community safe. We appreciate your help in ensuring all members of your players support group adhere to these new rules while at our fields.

If at any time you have a concern with the safety of your player, a volunteer or a spectator, please reach out to either of us or at a game, reach out to an RPLL Board Member (usually wearing a black and red polo shirt).

It is important to not rely solely on our volunteer manager and coaches to ensure these safety measures are followed, we need everyone's help. Our children's safety should be all of our top priorities.

Thank you for being a part of the RPLL Community.

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# Safety Parents

The role of each team's Safety Parent will be expanded. It will be important for the Safety Parent(s) to attend all games as they will play a vital role in assisting our volunteer Managers and Coaches to ensure a safe environment. During games, the Safety Parent will be the only Volunteer other than Managers/Coaches to be on the field or near the dugout area. The Safety Parents role will not be as a coach, but instead will help enforce social distancing and other related rules and processes. They should remain in the auxiliary dugout area throughout the game unless safety issues present themselves in the dugout or on the field of play. We thank the volunteer Safety Parents in advance for their support during the season.

# Safety Meeting

This document contains many new rules and processes. To ensure the RPLL Community understands these rules and processes, the RPLL Safety Officer will hold a meeting to review the new safety-related rules and processes which will be mandatory for players and parents to attend. Additional safety meetings may be called during the season on an as needed basis.

# Practices

- All players will be spaced at least 6 feet apart during pre game/practice infield/outfield.
  - No more than 2 players per infield position
    - One ready to field, the other on OF grass
- Dugout is not to be used during practice.
  - Player equipment should be stored in front of dugouts and along the fence line down the foul lines 6 feet apart
- Players should remain in consistent groups of 12 or fewer players throughout all practices (until further guidance is provided by the county).
  - For teams that have rosters larger than 12 players, this will require them to have two separate practices
  - Alternatively, one group of players could be using the field while the other is using the batting cages as long as proper sanitation of equipment and facilities takes place before the groups switch with each other

# General

- The Rancho Penasquitos Little League Executive Board will review repeat violators or blatant violations of the rules contained in this or the District document by players, volunteers or spectators on a case by case basis. Consequences can include suspension.

## Sanitizing Equipment and Fields

- Hand sanitizers will be provided at each field/dugout for player/volunteer use throughout games and practices.
  - For practices, every 30 minutes should include a hand sanitizing break
- The Safety Parent or any on-field volunteer can request additional cleaning of equipment or facilities or hand sanitizing break if they deem it necessary (player coughing or sneezing).

I acknowledge receiving and reading the District 32 Covid-19 Safety Plan and the RPLL local rules related to Covid-19 and agree that my player and their family will do their best to follow all of the rules as written. Any spectators that come to a game are the responsibility of the family that brings them. I understand that blatantly not following any of these rules or repeatedly not following any of the rules in this document will lead to a review by the RPLL Executive Board which may lead to my player, myself and/or any spectators being suspended from league activities.

Player Name (printed):

Parent Name (printed):

Parent Signature:

Date of Signature: