

SAFETY CODE

Background

- The SNLL has adopted the rules set by Little League Baseball, Inc.
- Responsibility for safety procedures and the annual Safety Plan and a Facility Survey should be that of a member of the Board of Directors of Stamford National Little League designated as the League Safety Officer.

Pre-Season

- **First Aid Training:** Managers, coaches and umpires should have training in firstaid. Pre-season training on first aid is recommended by the League. Attendance at League first aid training seminars is mandatory for all coaches and managers.
- **Skills training:** Experienced SNLL managers and coaches and/or independent baseball coaching experts will provide training on proper mechanics and fundamentals to all new SNLL coaches and managers. Training is mandatory for all new coaches and managers, and highly encouraged for all others.
- **Volunteer Screening:** All managers, coaches, board members and others with repetitive contact with the players must fill out and submit a Little League Volunteer Application form to the Safety Officer.

Protective Equipment

- **Cups:** All male players must wear a protective cup during all practices and games.
- **Helmet:** Batters must wear Little League approved protective helmets during batting practice and games.
- **Face guards:** All players who are league 10 years of age and younger must wear a Little League approved protective batting helmet with a face guard as provided by the SNLL while batting. All other players who are 11 or 12 years old must wear a Little League approved protective helmet which may include a face guard.
- **Catchers:** Catcher must wear catcher's helmet, mask, throat guard, long model chest protector, shin guards and protective cup with athletic supporter (males) at all times for all practices and games. NO EXCEPTIONS. The catcher must wear catcher's helmet and mask with a throat guard in warming up pitches. This applies between innings and in the bull-pen during a game and also during practices.
- **Player base coaches:** Any player who Serves as a base coach must wear Little League approved protective helmet while coaching.
- **Glasses:** Parents of players who wear glasses should be encouraged to provide "safety glasses".
- **First-aid kits** are issued to each team manager and are located at the concession stand and in the storage shed. Pre-game and pre-practice checks
- **Weather:** No game or practice should be held when weather or field conditions are poor, particularly when lighting is inadequate.
- **Check equipment:** Equipment should be inspected before each game or practice for the condition of the equipment as well as for proper fit. Any broken or defective equipment should be brought to the attention of the Safety Officer.
- **Field Inspection:** The main field and practice fields should be inspected by managers, coaches and umpires before each game or practice for holes, damage, stones, glass and other foreign objects. Check warning track, fences, bases and backstop.

- **Any problems** with the fields should be corrected and repaired intermediately or if such repairs cannot be made, all hazardous conditions should be brought to the attention of the Safety Officer or other Board Member immediately.
- **Cell phone:** Whenever possible, managers and coaches should make sure that someone at each practice or game has a cellular phone for use in case of emergency.
- **Confirm** that there is a first aid kit available: in dugout and/or in concession stand.

Games / Practices

- **No Jewelry:** Players must not wear watches, rings, pins or metallic items during games and practices.
- **Warm up safety:** During warm-up drills before any game or practice, players should be spaced so that no one is endangered by wild throws or missed catches.
- **Warm up fielding drills:** Only managers and coaches are allowed to hit balls to players during warm-up drills before a game.
- **Equipment storage:** All team equipment should be stored within the team dugout, or behind the dugout fence, and not within the area defined by the umpires as "in play".
- **Equipment off field:** Responsibility for keeping bats and loose equipment off the field of play should be that of a player assigned for this purpose or the team's manager and coaches.
- **No visitors:** Only players, managers, coaches, and umpires are permitted on the playing field or in the dugout during games and practice sessions. A total of one manager and two coaches per team are permitted in the dugout.
- **No swinging bats:** Only a player on the field and at bat, may swing a bat.
- **No head first slides:** Except when a runner is returning to a base, head first slides are not permitted.
- **Pitching machines:** Only managers or coaches may operate the pitching machine.
- **Gates:** All gates to the field must remain closed at all times. After players have entered or left the playing field, gates should be closed and secured.
- **Stay in dugout:** During game, players must remain in the dugout area in an orderly fashion at all times. A player wishing to leave dugout must obtain the permission of his/her Manager or Coach.
- **No food in the dugouts.**

After game

- **Clean Up:** Each team must clean up trash in dugout and around stands.

Field/Park/Parking

- **Driving:** Speed Limit 15 mph on roadways and in parking lots while attending any SNLL game or practice. Watch for small children around parked cars.
- **Parking lots:** No playing in the parking lots at any time.
- **Cross-walks:** Use cross walks when crossing road ways. Always be alert for traffic.

General behavior

- **Alcohol:** No alcohol allowed in any parking lot, field, or common areas within a SNLL playing or practice field.
- **No profanity please.**
- **Careful:** No swinging bats or throwing baseballs at any time within the walkways and common areas of a SNLL playing or practice field.
- No throwing balls against dugouts or against backstop.
- **No rock throwing.**
- **No horse-play** at any time.

- **No climbing fences.**
- **Pets:** No pets are permitted on any game or practice fields.
- **Observe all posted signs.** Players and spectators should be alert at all times for foul balls and errant throws.
- No spectators are allowed to stand behind the outfield fence in the batter's line of sight.

Concession Stand

- **Training:** The Concession Stand will be staffed by individuals who have been properly trained in handling food.
- **Safety procedures** as required by the Stamford Board of Health shall be maintained.
- **Ages:** No child under the age of 14 is permitted in the concession stand.
- **Safety procedures** – see concession stand guidelines.