## NEWTON SOUTH EAST LITTLE LEAGUE (NSELL) NEWTON, MA

## 2016 QUALIFIED SAFETY PLAN REQUIREMENTS

- 1. League Safety Officer: M. Whitney Kelting on file with Little League International
- 2. Distribution: NSELL will distribute an electronic copy of the complete Safety Manual to all Managers and Coaches and the District Administrator, maintain an office copy of this Safety Manual, and have copies available for volunteers.
- 3. Emergency Procedure and Phone Numbers: <u>Call 911 for Emergencies</u>. Non-emergency injuries: Coaches and managers to administer basic First Aid. Injuries to be tracked and reported as per Safety Manual rules to league Safety Officer.

Ambulance, Police, Fire: Dial 911

**LEAGUE OFFICERS:** 

Title: Name and Phone:

President: Steve Brooks (617) 699-2628

VP Operations: Dave Goldblatt (617) 500-2674

VP Baseball: Reese Genser (617) 851-9663

Treasurer: Buzz Dunker (617) 921-1114

Player Agent: Adrian Gonzalez (617) 529-9639

Safety Officer: Whitney Kelting (857) 225-0883

Umpire in Chief: Elliot Loewe (617) 969-2660

- 4. Volunteer Application: NSELL uses the Official Little League Volunteer Application form to screen all of our volunteer applicants. This includes anyone who is on the field or working with the players. Be sure all your parents who help out register. Anyone refusing to complete and submit a Volunteer Application is ineligible to be a league member or volunteer. These forms will remain confidential and the League President will retain these for the year of service.
- 5. Fundamentals Training: A coach's clinic will be held on **Tues. March 21<sup>st</sup>**, **2017 and Sun. April 9<sup>th</sup>**, **2017** a make up day held later in the season for those unable to attend. At least one manager or coach from each team must attend training. Every manager and coach must attend fundamentals training at least once every 3 years. Attendance is to be documented.
- 6. First Aid Training: NSELL is asking all coaches and managers from each team to attend first aid training at the couaches meeting night on **Wed. Mar. 1**<sup>st</sup>, **2017** and NSELL will require at least one coach or manager from each team to attend. All coaches and managers must attend this training at least once every 3 years (with the exception of those who are physicians, nurses or other trained medical professionals). The training will be conducted as part of the coach's clinic. Attendance is to be documented.
- 7. Field Inspections: Coaches will be required to inspect the fields prior to practices and games. Umpires will also be required to walk the fields for hazards before each game, and are responsible to correct or remove hazards before play commences or resumes, if possible, or to suspend use of field until hazards are corrected.
- 8. Facility Survey: NSELL has completed and updated our 2017 Facility Survey on Jan. 27 2017.

- 9. Concession Stand Safety: Does not apply. NSELL does not operate concessions.
- 10. Regular Inspection and Replacement of Equipment: Coaches/Managers and Umpires will be required to inspect equipment (bats, helmets, catching gear) prior to each game. Coaches will ensure that unsafe or out-of-specification equipment player-owned equipment is removed from the dugout and play area, and that such equipment owned by the NSELL is removed from play and destroyed or rendered unusable. Little League is particularly concerned with bat safety and has banned most composite-barreled bats. For an up-to-date list of legal bats, go to the Little League website <a href="http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo.htm">http://www.littleleague.org/learn/equipment/baseballbatinfo.htm</a>.
- 11. Prompt Accident Reporting and Tracking Procedure: Accidents will be reported to the Safety Officer using the Incident Tracking Form provided by Little League within 24-48 hours of an incident. "Near-misses" (incidents with no injury or damage consequence) will be tracked as a proactive tool to evaluate practices and prevent injury. Information on accidents and "near misses" reported to the Safety Officer will be shared with District.
- 12. First Aid Kits: At least one First Aid Kit will be supplied to each team, which should have this kit on hand at every game and practice. If the kit or its contents become destroyed, rendered unusable or are exhausted, the team should request a new kit from the League Equipment Manager or Safety Officers.
- 13. Enforcement of Little League Rules: All Little League rules will be enforced by NSELL officers and by coaches and managers during play. NSELL will ensure that players are properly equipped during play. Managers and coaches are reminded that they are not allowed to catch pitchers, including standing at a backstop as an informal batting practice catcher. All catchers must be wearing proper full catcher's gear as well as a protective cup. There are No On Deck batters permitted in Little League.
- 14. League Player Registration Data or Player Roster Data, Coach and Manager Data The player, coach and manager data submitted to Little League International on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The actual team rosters will be submitted as soon as teams are set and completed registration materials will be submitted before June 15, 2016.
- 15. NSELL's Qualified Safety Plan Registration form was submitted with ASAP plan on Feb. 4th, 2016.

## OPTIONAL SAFETY PLAN ITEMS (from ASAP "Recommended" List)

- 16. Criminal Checks: NSELL conducts electronic criminal background checks on all volunteers through LexisNexis.
- 18. Safety Officer on Board: NSELL's Safety Officer is a member of the Board of Directors.
- 21. Budget for Safety: Part of the annual budget of NSELL is dedicated to safety issues (e.g., purchase of replacement equipment, purchase of First Aid Kits, subscription to Coaching Clinics, purchase of Coaching materials).
- 29. Heat Illnesses: Coaches will be instructed about heat illnesses and their warning signs.
- 30. Weather and Other Conditions: NSELL teaches managers and coaches to stop play for weather (lightning, rain), take water breaks between innings, take shade in high heat conditions.
- 31. Sports Fundamentals: Coaches will be instructed on proper warm ups, safe practices and games and other sports fundamentals

- 35. Reduced Impact Balls: NSELL uses reduced impact balls for younger players.
- 36.Safe Bases: NSELL uses disengage-able bases for all fields.
- 39. Fence Tops: NSELL uses protective fence tops to protect fielders.
- 50. Protective Cups: NSELL encourages use of protective cups for all players. A player may not play catcher without a protective cup by Little League rules.