

# Rancho Penasquitos Little League

## Spring 2021 Manager Meeting

February 10 and 15, 2021



# Agenda

- Introduction - Ben Airth
- RPLL goals for Spring 2021
- Key Covid-related safety processes and rules
- Protocols related to Covid exposure, symptoms and infections
- Other key safety processes and rules
- Q&A



# Introduction

- Ben Airth - RPLL President
- Stephen Smythe - RPLL Safety Officer

Game play and scrimmages are not approved by the State/County. Once they are, we will have a follow up safety meeting to review game rules.



# RPLL Goals for Spring 2021

- Provide a **safe, fun environment** for kids to enjoy the game, get exercise, and socialize
- There are a lot of new rules and procedures in the name of safety
  - Asking our players, volunteers and spectators to **do the best they can** following the new guidance
- Provide **transparency and open communication** related to safety before and during the Spring season
- To be ready to hold games when approved the by the State and/or County
  - Your RPLL Board has been working hard to be ready



# Practice Rules Overview - Covid-19

## Before Practice

- Practices will be scheduled with extra time between practices to reduce crowds
  - Practice times will be staggered at different fields
- Player drop off before practice - no earlier than 10 minutes before practice time
- We are no longer requiring a health check



# Practice Rules Overview - Covid-19

## During Practice

- Hand sanitizer breaks at least every 30 minutes
  - Players are asked to bring their own, but RPLL will provide each manager with their own bottle
- No spitting
- No handshakes or personal contact celebrations allowed



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## During Practice

- No sharing of equipment
  - Bats, helmets, gloves, **catchers gear**
  - Player can use league provided catchers gear, but it must be sanitized before the next practice
    - do not share in practice
  - If games are approved, will not be using catchers below Minor B
- Dugouts will not be used
  - Player bags will be placed down the lines, 6 feet apart
  - All of a players equipment stays with their bag when not in use - do not use the bat rack



# Practice Rules Overview - Covid-19

## During Practice

- All volunteers that are on the field will **wear a face covering/mask at all times** including to and from the field
- Player mask use:
  - **Mandatory** to/from the field and when not actively engaging in baseball activities
  - **Optional** when engaging in baseball activities - This is **solely** determined by the players guardian
- Limit the number of volunteers on the field
  - Try and keep a stable group of volunteers





# Practice Rules Overview - Covid-19

## During Practice

- Canyonside batting cages
  - Can only be used during a teams scheduled practice time
  - First come, first served
  - Maximum of 2 adults and 4 players per team at the cage at a time
  - Maximum of 1 adult and 1 player inside a cage at a time
    - This includes picking up baseballs



# Practice Rules Overview - Covid-19

## After Practice

- Teams will sanitize all shared items after their practice if another team will be using the field afterwards
  - Shared items include: pitching machines, gates, portable screens, etc.
  - Each field has sanitizing spray
- Players will depart the field area within 5 minutes of their practice ending
  - Any team meetings need to ensure proper social distancing



# Covid protocols

- Review Covid protocols



# Other Safety Rules

- Any player with a bat in their hand must have a helmet on
- Any player that gets into a squatting position to receive a throw must have a catcher's mask with dangling throat guard and a protective cup
- All players must have a protective cup at all times
- If a player is catching for a volunteer with a bat in their hand, the player must have a catchers mask on
- Do not leave players alone at the field after practice
- Any player going to the bathroom must have an adult escort
- No food of any kind allowed between the fences



# Other Safety Items

- Before practice, inspect the field for snakes
- Injuries
  - Please report injuries within 48 hours to the Safety Officer - form at [RPLL.org](http://RPLL.org)
  - An “injury” is something that typically requires a visit to a medical professional
- Concussions - be aware and please read details in the Safety Plan
- Red coolers at each field at Canyonside, BMR and Twin Trails (soon)
  - Ice packs
  - Heavy gauze
  - Wipes
  - gloves
  - If supplies are low, let the Safety Officer know



# Other Safety Items

- Legal bats
  - Must have USA stamp
  - TBall must say TBall stamp
- Arm safety - watch for signs of sore arms
  - Know your travel ball players - speak to their parents to coordinate pitching schedules
  - Many players have not played baseball in a year or since the Fall
- AEDs at BMR and Canyonside
  - BMR - in the orange safety bin behind the 1B on deck circle on field 1
  - Canyonside - TBD



# RPLL Local Rules - Covid-19

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



# Questions & Answers

- Reach out any time with any questions:
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