

## Powhatan Little League

### Plan for Resuming Play after COVID-19

After a game ends, players and families should vacate the field/facility as soon as is reasonably possible after the conclusion of their game, ideally within 15 minutes. Subsequent games will start 1hr after each game ends. Teams can't show up until 30 minutes before their game. These actions will minimize unnecessary contact with players, coaches, and spectators from one game to the next.

Teams will exit and enter the field through the gates along their baseline. Home team enters/exits through gate on 1<sup>st</sup> base side. Visitors enter/exit through gate on 3<sup>rd</sup> base side. This will prevent a bottleneck of people at the gate behind the backstop and minimize contact between teams.

The gate behind the backstop is only for coaches, umpires, scorekeepers, and PLL board members. Players can use this gate during the game to go to the bathroom or retrieve foul balls.

Incoming coach will disinfect the dugout with league supplied cleaner. Surfaces they will clean include the bench, vertical poles in entryways, and the horizontal pole along the top of the fence leading from the dugout to the scoring table.

Players will spread out in the dugout and along the fence leading from the dugout to the scoring table. Players are to bring their own chairs & water. PLL board members will hang ribbon on the fence indicating where players should sit or place their chair to maintain 6' physical distancing.

Only players and coaches are permitted in the dugout.

Batting cage use is limited to 1 coach and 1 batter, with 1 other batter standing outside. They'll enter and exit through the netting on opposite sides of the cage.

Coach's meeting with umpire will be 2 coaches, 2 umpires, standing 6' apart.

Game balls will be switched out every 2 innings.

Umpires will limit their contact with the ball, and catchers will retrieve foul balls and passed balls where possible.

Balls used in infield/outfield warm-up will be isolated from a shared ball container.

Foul balls landing outside the field of play will be retrieved by participating players, coaches, and umpires. No spectators should retrieve the ball.

Sunflower seeds will not be allowed in dugouts or on the playing field.

All players and coaches are to refrain from spitting, including in dugout areas and on the playing field.

The postgame handshake line will be omitted in favor of lining up along the respective baselines and tipping caps to opponents.

PLL will buy 2 extra catcher helmets for Minors, Majors, & Intermediate. Coaches will disinfect them after/before each game. Most catchers in these divisions have their own gear. However each team will have one set of team gear, plus will be able to use the extra helmet. Coach will put the team gear on players to minimize the number of players touching the fasteners.

All spectators should follow best physical distancing practices — stay 6' away from individuals outside their household. Chairs can be placed along the baselines and around the outfield.