

Andover Little League



2024 Safety Manual

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INTRODUCTION TO ANDOVER'S SAFETY PROGRAM

Welcome to another fun and safe season of Andover Little League. This year we continue to improve the safety aspects of our league and further emphasize safety awareness. Our over-arching goal is to eliminate and prevent injury-causing accidents! Our Safety Program is modeled directly after Little League's "A Safety Awareness Program", more commonly known as "ASAP".

To help all our volunteers comply with our safety standards, the Andover Little League Board of Directors has approved the safety rules and procedures as depicted in this manual. The "Safety Officer and Director" position is a formal position of the Andover Little League Board of Directors and the particular individual serving in that position is also registered every year with Little League International. It is critical that each volunteer review and abide by the requirements of this Manual. But also use common sense – safety rests with all volunteers of Andover Little League.

Each year, the Safety Officer updates the Safety Manual and obtains its approval from the Board of Directors, conducts the annual Facility Survey, distributes the Safety Manual to all volunteers, posts the Manual on the league website, and manages the volunteer approval process.

Any suggestions or comments to this Manual, or safety suggestions in general, should be forwarded to the Safety Officer at 978-697-6295 or rjsantagati@yahoo.com.

Qualified Safety Plan

This Manual is also intended to meet the requirements of Little League's Qualified Safety Plan. This plan is submitted to Little League International along with a completed safety plan registration form. Key elements of such a qualified plan are summarized below:

Requirement for Little League Qualified Safety Plan	Cross Reference
1. Have an active Safety Officer on file with Little League International	Pages 1, 7, and 9
2. Publish and distribute a copy of the applicable safety manual to all appropriate and applicable volunteers.	This Entire Manual
3. Post and distribute emergency and key officials' phone numbers	Page 7
4. Use the Little League Official Volunteer Application Form and check for sexual abuse.	Page 3; Appendix 2
5. Provide and require fundamentals training, with at least one coach or manager from each team attending (fundamentals including hitting, sliding, fielding, pitching, etc.).	Page 3
6. Require first-aid training for coaches and managers, with at least one coach or manager from each team attending.	Pages 3, 4 & 8
7. Require coaches/umpires to walk fields for hazards before use.	Page 5; Appendix 1



Requirement for Little League Qualified Safety Plan	Cross Reference
8. Complete Annual Little League Facility Survey	Pages 1 & 5; Appendix 4
9. Have written safety procedures for concession stand. Concession manager trained in safe food handling/prep and procedures	Page 10
10. Require regular inspection and replacement of equipment	Page 5; Appendix 1
11 Implement prompt accident reporting and tracking procedure	Page 9; Appendix 3
12. Provide teams with well-equipped First Aid Kits and require them at each game and practice.	Pages 5, 8 & 10
13. Enforce Little League rules including proper equipment	Page 5, 6
14. Submit league player registration data or player Roster data and coach and manager data	Page 13
15. Submit a qualified safety plan registration form with your ASAP plan	Page 1

Andover Little League's Safety Program also exceeds ASAP's requirements in many respects, for example by using reduced-impact balls for some leagues, installing protective covers on all outfield fencing, and distributing the ASAP News newsletter within the league. In addition, the annual First Aid and Safety training has been upgraded to include training on heat illnesses, concussions, lightning and thunder storm safety, and proper warm up and training techniques to help reduce injuries.



VOLUNTEERS AND VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Volunteer Approval/Background Checks

Prior to assuming duties, including running practices, all managers, coaches, board of director members and any other person who provides regular service to Andover Little League or has repetitive access to or contact with players must complete a volunteer application (Appendix 2) contained within the JDP National Little League Background Check. In addition, volunteer applicants must submit a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Acknowledgement Form to the league (a copy of which is attached as Appendix 2 to this manual), along with a copy of the applicant's driver's license. The Safety Director processes the forms, verifies compliance, and contacts appropriate stakeholders with any concerns depending on the positions for which the applicant is volunteering.

Andover Little League conducts a national background check on each applicant through JDP and a state check through the Massachusetts Department of Criminal Justice Information Services. For the Massachusetts screening, a completed CORI form (Appendix 2) is submitted along with the forms above. Both checks are required in Massachusetts.

If Andover Little League receives any information that an applicant has been convicted of or pled guilty to any crime involving or against a minor, the Safety Officer will contact the appropriate government agency to confirm the accuracy of the information. If the information is confirmed, the applicant shall not be permitted to participate in Andover Little League in any manner.

Fundamentals Training

Andover Little League provides and requires fundamentals training for all coaches and managers – at least one representative from each team must receive training each year, and each coach/manager must receive fundamentals training at least once every three years. Most Andover coaches and managers participate annually, exceeding the ASAP requirement.

First Aid Training

Andover Little League requires First Aid and Safety training for all coaches and managers – at least one representative from each team must attend annually, and each coach/manager must receive First Aid training at least once every three years.

The 2024 Safety and First Aid training was provided online via Little League International's Child Protection Program. All coaches are encouraged to review this material located here:

https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/

Andover Little League also encourages additional certified First Aid and safety training for all managers and coaches. Andover Little League will reimburse every coach or



manager up to \$30 for any safety course successfully completed, if the course has been pre-approved by the League President.



EQUIPMENT, FIELD/FACILITY CHECKS, AND PLAYING RULES

Regular Equipment Inspection and Replacement

Each year, the VP of Equipment shall inspect all equipment to ensure it complies with all Little League requirements, before distributing the equipment to the teams. Any faulty equipment shall be replaced and discarded in a manner to minimize the risk that it will be retrieved and re-used. Break-away bases are used at all fields.

The equipment for each team shall include a properly-stocked First Aid kit.

Each coach is also responsible for inspecting the equipment for his team and ensuring replacement of any faulty equipment during the season.

Equipment Use

Coaches are responsible for ensuring that each catcher properly wears a protective cup, and all other catcher gear required by the Little League Rules. *This must be enforced during practice and warm-up, as well as during games*.

Coaches are also responsible for encouraging use of mouth guards, face guards and protective cups for players.

Annual Facility Survey

Each year, Andover Little League performs a facility survey on each of its fields, and records the information required in the Little League Baseball and Softball Annual Survey. The updated 2024 Facility Survey information was submitted to Little League International along with this 2024 Safety Plan.

This survey includes an assessment of improvements to the current fields which are also addressed by the League board each year in the annual capital improvement plan review.

The survey also includes the required information on any new fields opened.

Required Field Inspection Prior to Each Game and Practice

Each coach shall inspect the field prior to each game and shall not proceed with the game if a safety hazard exists.

Coaches shall report all safety hazards to the Safety Officer and fix any that can be readily corrected.

Coaches shall use the Field and Game Safety Checklist, attached as Appendix 3 to this manual, as a guideline for items to check for.

<u>Thunderstorms – Suspended Play</u>

If thunder is heard, even if lightning is not visible, the game and/or practice is to be immediately stopped and the players should be removed from the fields and into cars. The game/practice is not allowed to start for at least 30 minutes after the last lightning flash is seen or thunder clap is heard.

Andover Little League also distributes copies of the NOAA Lightening Safety Guide as part of its Safety Manual. Please see Appendix 5.



Playing Rules

Each manager is responsible for compliance with Little League rules, including Andover Little League's supplemental rules. To facilitate compliance, each manager is provided with a copy of the official 2024 Little League Rule Book.

COVID-19 Protocols

All active COVID-19 rules are enforced in accordance with rules and policies set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Andover.



PHONE NUMBERS

These numbers are also posted on the League's website, at www.andoverlittleleague.com Emergency Numbers

Andover Fire Department - Emergency	911
Andover Police Department - Emergency	911

Key Officials/Board Members

Position	Member	Phone	Email
President	Ryan Murphy	978-807-3202	rmurphy@baystatesearch.com
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Director of Technology (Registrar)	Timothy Conroy		conroy@mac.com
Safety Director	Rick Santagati	978-697-6295	rjsantagati@yahoo.com



Fields Scheduling Director	Clayton Mohammed	Clayton.mohammed@hotmail.com
Commissioner of Challenger Division, Director	OPEN	
VP - Fall League	OPEN	



FIRST AID

First Aid is the immediate and temporary care of a sick or injured person until professional medical help arrives. Always call 911 first if someone is unconscious or seriously injured. *Never administer First Aid beyond your capabilities*. The average response time to a 911 call is a few minutes – the purpose of first aid is to prevent further harm and keep the victim comfortable in the meantime. Do not try to transport a victim to a hospital; perform whatever First Aid you can and wait for the paramedics to arrive.

Treatment at the Site of the Injury

DO...

- Call 911 immediately if the person is unconscious or seriously injured (bleeding, not breathing, suspected poisoning, or in shock). *If you're unsure of the severity of an injury or how to respond, call 911!*
- Control other players, e.g., tell them all to "take a knee." Look for additional first aid help from coaches and observers.
- Treat time-critical injuries if you are trained (CPR, etc.). Stop excessive bleeding with direct pressure.
- Access the injury. If the victim is conscious, find out what happened, where it hurts. Watch for shock.
- Know your limitations, and do not administer First Aid beyond your knowledge.
- Look for signs of injury (blood, black and blue, joint deformity, ...)
- Listen to the injured person describe what happened and what hurts if conscious. Before questioning, calm or sooth person if excited.
- Feel gently and carefully the injured area for signs of swelling or grating of broken bone.
- Talk to your team afterwards about the situation if it involves them. Players are often upset and worried when another player is injured. They need to feel safe and understand why the injury occurred.

DON'T...

- Administer any medications
- Provide any food or beverages, other than water
- Hesitate in giving help when needed
- Be hesitant to ask for help if you're not sure of the proper procedure
- Transport injured individual, except in extreme injuries.

<u>First Aid Kits – For Simple Treatment</u>

First Aid kits are distributed along with team equipment at the beginning of each season. The kits are for simple treatment, such as band-aids and ointment for small cuts, and ice packs for minor bruises.



INCIDENT REPORTING PROCEDURES

What to Report

Report any incident that causes any player, manager, coach, umpire, or volunteer to receive medical treatment and/or first aid.

Also report any near-miss, and any condition that you feel is unsafe in any way.

When to Report

All such incidents should be reported to the Andover Little League Safety Officer within 24 hours of the incident.

The 2024 ALL Safety Officer is Rick Santagati, with the following contact information: rjsantagati@yahoo.com (c) 978-697-6295.

How to Make a Report

Initially, email the report to your league VP and the Safety Officer. The report should include the following information

- name and phone number of the individual involved
- date, time, and location of incident
- detailed description of incident
- preliminary estimation of the extent of any injuries
- name and phone number of the person reporting the incident

The person making the report shall also complete the Incident/Injury Tracking Report provided by Little League, a copy of which is included as Appendix 3 to this manual.

Little League International Accident for is located at: https://www.littleleague.org/forms-publications/



CONCESSION STAND SAFETY PROCEDURES

The following safety procedures apply to the "Snack Shack" at Deyermond Blanchard, as well as any temporary concession stands arranged during the course of the season.

The VP(s) Food Service shall be responsible for compliance with these procedures, and for posting these procedures at each Concession Stand.

Procedures

- No more than 3 people at one time will be allowed in the snack shack.
- Children under the age of 7 will not be allowed in the snack shack.
- Children age 7-10 must be accompanied by a parent but will not be allowed behind the counter handling food or cash.
- Children 11 and older will be allowed behind the counter with parental supervision only.
- During Summer seasons, children 13 and older will be allowed to work in the snack shack without parental supervision.
- People working in the concession stands will be trained in safe food preparation and in the safe use of all equipment.
- Cooking equipment will be inspected periodically and repaired or replaced if need be.
- Propane tanks (if used) will be turned off at the grill and at the tank after use.
- Food not purchased by Andover Little League to sell in its concession stands will not be cooked, prepared, or sold in the concession stands.
- Cooking grease will be stored safely in containers away from open flames.
- Cleaning chemicals must be stored in a locked container.
- All concession workers are encouraged to attend a First Aid training session.
- Carbon Dioxide tanks (if used) will be secured with chains so they stand upright
 and can't fall over. Report damaged tanks or valves to the supplier and
 discontinue use.
- A Certified Fire Extinguisher suitable for grease fires must be in plain sight at all times.
- All concession stand workers are to be instructed on the use of fire extinguishers.
- A fully stocked First Aid Kit will be placed in each Concession Stand. The Concession Stand shall also include extra First Aid Kits for use by coaches and managers.
- The Concession Stand main entrance will not be locked/blocked while people are inside.



FIELD LOCATIONS

Ballardvale - 160 Andover St. Andover, MA 01810

Located on Andover Street near the Ballardvale Train station. From downtown Andover take Central Street. Go under the train bridge and take a left on Andover Street. Ballardvale field is a few miles down on the left across the street from the Fire Station before you reach Ballardvale Center.

Devermond Blanchard A - 15 Blanchard St Andover, MA 01810

The Deyermond Blanchard field complex, opened in the spring of 2014, is located five minutes off of Route 133 in Andover. From I93, take Route 133W. Turn left on Bellevue Road, then take another left on Osgood Street. Bear right onto Blanchard Street and the field complex will be on the right. From I495, take Route 133E. Turn right on Haggetts Pond Road, then left on Bellevue Rd, then right on Osgood Street. Bear right onto Blanchard Street and the field complex will be on the right.

Devermond Blanchard B - 15 Blanchard St Andover, MA 01810

The Deyermond Blanchard field complex, opened in the spring of 2014, is located five minutes off of Route 133 in Andover. See directions for Deyermond Blandard A.

Deyermond Blanchard C - 15 Blanchard St Andover, MA 01810

The Deyermond Blanchard field complex, opened in the spring of 2014, is located five minutes off of Route 133 in Andover. See directions for Deyermond Blandard A.

Doherty 2 "90' Diamond" - 50 Bartlett Street Andover, MA 01810

From Rte 495 take Exit 41 (Rte 28) towards Andover. Follow Rte 28 (Main St) approx 1.7 miles to the center of Andover. Go through the set of lights at the intersection of Elm St and follow to next set of lights. Take left onto Chestnut St. Follow through stop sign and take 1st right after park. Follow behind school to parking lot. Field is on left beyond running track.

Doherty Water - 50 Bartlett Street Andover, MA 01810

Doherty Water Field is immediately to the left the Doherty Junior League Field as you approach from Doherty Middle School.

JV Field - 80 Shawsheen Road Andover, MA 01810

Diamond near Andover Youth Services skate park, between Andover High School and West Middle School, on Shawsheen Road.

Sanborn – 90 Lovejoy Rd. Andover, MA 01810

Sanborn Elementary School, Lovejoy Road between Rte 133 and Dascomb Road, Andover. Baseball field is behind the school to the southwest.



 \underline{South} – 55 Woburn St Andover, MA 01810 South Elementary School, at intersection of South St. and Woburn St.

West 1 (not in use in 2024) – 58 Beacon St. Andover, MA 01810 Behind West Elementary School, Beacon St. Baseball diamond closest to the School

<u>West 2</u> (not in use in 2024)– 58 Beacon St. Andover, MA 01810 Behind West Elementary School, Beacon St. Baseball diamond furthest away from the School



PLAYER REGISTRATION DATA

Player, manager and coach data is supplied to Little League International annually. The data was supplied electronically in approved formats to Little League International via the Little League Data Center. Updates to the data have been uploaded throughout the month as needed.



APPENDIX 1 - FIELD AND GAME SAFETY CHECKLIST

Repair Needed?

Repair Needed?

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
	Yes

Yes	<u>No</u>
	<u>Yes</u>

Catchers Equipment	Yes	No
Shin Guards OK		
Helmets OK		
Face Masks OK		
Throat Protector OK		
Catchers Cup (boys)		
Chest Protector		
Catchers Mitt		

Safety Equipment	Yes	<u>No</u>
1st Aid Kit		
Ice on-hand		
Blanket for Shock		
Safety/Health Manuals		
Accident Forms		

Players Equipment	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Batting Helmets		
Jewelry Removed		
Bats Inspected		
Shoes Checked		
Uniforms checked		
Athletic Cups/Supporters		
(for boys)		

Report all unresolved Safety Issues to the Safety Officer as soon as possible.

Dugouts	Yes	Salety
Fencing needs repair		
Bench needs repair		
Roof needs repair		
Bat Racks		
Helmet Racks		



APPENDIX 2 – VOLUNTEER APPLICATION/MASS CORI FORM

			per Application – 2024 aper to complete if additional space is required.
First Middle Name or Initial Last	ague Regula QUICKAPP. V ATTACHED TO Date	tions 1 (c)9.	7. Hove you ever been extend participation in any other youth programs and/or listed on any youth organization ineligible list? If yes, explain: (If volunteer answered yes to Question 7, the local league must contact Little League International.) In which of the following would you like to participate? (Clead one or most) laague Official Umprire
Social Security # (mandatory) Cell Phone Business Phone			
Home Phone: E-mail Address:			
Date of Birth			
Occupation			IF YOU LIVE IN A STATE THAT REQUIRES A SEPARATE BACKGROUND CHECK BY LAW, PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF THAT STA BACKGROUND CHECK. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON STATE LAWS, VISIT OUR WEBSITE: LittleLegue.org/BgStoteLor
Employer			AS A CONDITION OF VOLUNTEERING, I give permission for the Little League organization to conduct background check!
Address			me now and as long as I continue to be active with the organization, which may include a review of sex offender registries (so which contain name only searches which may result in a report being generated that may or may not be me), child abuse and cri
Special professional training, skills, hobbies: Community difflations (Clubs, Service Organizations, etc.):			hatory records. Lundershood floot, if appointed, my position is conditional upon the league receiving an inappropriate informations bodground. Theselvy release and organical hordershood bodground. Theselvy release and organical, incorporate and release and r
Previous volunteer experience (including baseball/softball and year):			Applicant Signature Date
			If Minor/Parent Signature Date
Do you have children in the program? If yes, list full name and what level?	☐ Yes	□ No	Applicant Name (please print or type)
Special Certification (CPR, Medical, etc.) If yes, list:	- DV	- DN:	NOTE: The local Little League and Little League Baseball, Incorporated will not discriminate against any person on the basis of
		_	creed, cofor, national origin, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or disability.
3. Do you have a valid driver's license? Driver's License#: State	∐ Tes	□ №	LOCAL LEAGUE USE ONLY:
Have you ever been charged with, convicted of, plead no contest, or guilty to any crimminor, or of a sexual nature?		or against a	Background check completed by league officer on on on
If yes, describe each in full:			Review the Little League Regulation 1 (c) (9) for all background check requirements I JDP (Includes review of the U.S. Center of SafeSport's Centralized Discolinary Database and Little
(If valunteer answered yes to Question 4, the local league must contact Little League	International.)		Leggue International Ineligible/Suspended List)*
Have you ever been convicted of or plead no contest or guilty to any crime(s)? If yes, describe each in full: [Answering yes to Question 5, does not automatically disqualify you as a valunteer.		□ No	National Criminal Database check U.S. Center of SafeSport's Centralized Discplinary National Sex Offender Registry Database and Little Leggue International
proswering yes to Guestion 2, ages not automatically disqualify you as a volunteer.) □ Yes	п.	Ineligible/ Suspended List
6. Do you have any criminal charges pending against you regarding any crime(s)?		⊔ No	you should notify volunteers that they will receive a letter or email directly from DDP incompliance with the Fair Credit Reporting a you should notify volunteers that they will receive a letter or email directly from DDP incompliance with the Fair Credit Reporting a containing information regarding all the criminal records associated with the name, which may not necessarily be the league volunte

https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/volunteer-application/





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Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) Acknowledgement Form

purposes.	itractor, incensing, and nousing
	is registered under the
(Organization)	
provisions of M.G.L. c.6, § 172 to receive CORI for the purpose of screening current and employees, subcontractors, volunteers, license applicants, current licensees, and appli housing.	
As a prospective or current employee, subcontractor, volunteer, license applicant, curre rental or lease of housing, I understand that a CORI check will be submitted for my pers hereby acknowledge and provide permission to	
(Organizatio	on)
to submit a CORI check for my information to the DCJIS. This authorization is valid for signature. I may withdraw this authorization at any time by providing	one year from the date of my
	(Organization)
with written notice of my intent to withdraw consent to a CORI check.	
FOR EMPLOYMENT, VOLUNTEER, AND LICENSING PURPOSES ONLY:	
The	may conduct
(Organization)	
subsequent CORI checks within one year of the date this Form was signed by me, provide	
	, must first provide me
(Organization) with written notice of this check.	
By signing below, I provide my consent to a CORI check and affirm that the informat Acknowledgement Form is true and accurate.	ion provided on Page 2 of this
Signature of CORI Subject	Date





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SUBJECT INFORMATION

Please complete this section using the information of the person whose CORI you are requesting.

The fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required fields.

First Name:	Middle Initial:
Last Name:	Suffix (Jr., Sr., etc.):
Former Last Name 1:	
Former Last Name 2:	
Former Last Name 3:	
Former Last Name 4:	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	_ Place of Birth:
Last SIX digits of Social Security Number:	No Social Security Number
Sex: Height: ft ir	n. Eye Color: Race:
Driver's License or ID Number:	State of Issue:
Father's Full Name:	
Mother's Full Name:	
Cu	urrent Address
Street Address:	
Apt. # or Suite: *City:	*State: *Zip:
SUBJE	CT VERIFICATION
The above information was verified by reviewing the fo	ollowing form(s) of government-issued identification:
/erified by:	
Print Name of Verifying Employee	



APPENDIX 3 – INCIDENT/INJURY TRACKING REPORT

Activities/R	eporting			•	areness Program's ry Tracking Report
League Name:		Leagu	e ID: -	- Inci	dent Date:
					dent Time:
					Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female
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					()
Parents' Address (If [Different):			City	
Incident occurred w	hile participating in	ո։			
A.) □ Baseball	□ Softball	□ Challenger	□ TAD		
B.) □ Challenger □ Senior (14-16)	□ T-Ball (5-8) □ Big League (16-	☐ Minor (7-12) 18)	□ Major (9-	-12) 🗆 Junio	r (13-14)
C.) □ Tryout □ Travel to	□ Practice□ Travel from	☐ Game ☐ Other (Describe	☐ Tournam e):	'	ial Event
Position/Role of per	rson(s) involved in	incident:			
D.) □ Batter	□ Baserunner	□ Pitcher	□ Catcher □ Fir		Base ☐ Second
□ Third	☐ Short Stop	□ Left Field	□ Center F	ield □ Right	Field Dugout
☐ Umpire	☐ Coach/Manager	□ Spectator	□ Voluntee	r □ Other	r:
Type of injury:					
Was first aid require	ed? □ Yes □ No If	yes, what:			
Was professional m					d in a game or practice.)
Type of incident and	d location:				
A.) On Primary Playin	ng Field		B.) Adjacer	nt to Playing Fiel	ld D.) Off Ball Field
☐ Base Path:	□ Running <i>or</i> □ Sli	ding	□ Seat	ing Area	☐ Travel:
☐ Hit by Ball: ☐ Pitched <i>or</i> ☐ Thrown <i>or</i> ☐ Batted		□ Parking Area		□ Car <i>or</i> □ Bike <i>or</i>	
☐ Collision with: ☐ Player <i>or</i> ☐ Structure		C.) Concession Area		□ Walking	
☐ Grounds Defect ☐ Other:		☐ Volunteer Worker		☐ League Activity	
Please give a short				omer/Bystander	
	•				
Could this accident	have been avoided	1? How:			
tive ideas in order to For all claims or injur Accident Notification	improve league safe ries which could beco Form available from on: Dan Kirby, Risk M es. All personal injurie	ety. When an accide ome claims, please your league presid lanagement Depar es should be report	ent occurs, of fill out and to lent and send tment). Also, ed to William	btain as much in urn in the official d to Little Leagu provide your Di nsport as soon a	strict Safety Officer with
Signature:				ite.	

Little League International Accident for is located at:

https://www.littleleague.org/forms-publications/



APPENDIX 4 – ANNUAL FACILITY SURVEY

Facility surveys to be completed upon field opening



APPENDIX 5 - NOAA LIGHTENING SAFETY BROCHURE

What to do if someone is struck by lightning

- Lightning victims do not carry an electrical charge, are safe to handle, and need immediate medical attention.
- Call for help. Have someone call 9-1-1 or your local ambulance service. Medical attention is needed as quickly as possible.
- ▶ Give first aid. Cardiac arrest is the immediate cause of death in lightning fatalities. However, some deaths can be prevented if the victim receives the proper first aid immediately. Check the victim to see that they are breathing and have a pulse and continue to monitor the victim until help arrives. Begin CPR if necessary.
- ► If possible, move the victim to a safer place. An active thunderstorm is still dangerous. Don't let the rescuers become victims. Lightning CAN strike the same place twice.



NOAA

STAY INFORMED

Listen to NOAA Weather Radio for the latest forecast and for any severe thunderstorm WATCHES or WARNINGS. Severe thunderstorms produce winds of 58 mph or greater, or hail 3/4 of an inch or larger in diameter.

A severe thunderstorm WATCH is issued when conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop.

A severe thunderstorm WARNING is issued when severe weather is imminent. National Weather Service personnel use information from weather radar, satellite, lightning detection, spotters, and other sources to issue these warnings.



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Remember that all thunderstorms produce lightning and all lightning can be deadly to those outside.

Lightning Safety Awareness Week is the last full week of June. For additional information on lightning or lightning safety, visit NOAA's lightning safety web site:

http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov

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the underrated killer!

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This safety guide has been prepared to help coaches and sports officials recognize the dangers of lightning and take appropriate safety precautions.



LIGHTNING KILLS Play It Safe!

Each year in the United States, more than four hundred people are struck by lightning. On average, about 70 people are killed and many others suffer permanent neurological disabilities. Most of these tragedies can be avoided if proper precautions are taken. When thunderstorms threaten, coaches and sports officials must not let the desire to start or complete an athletic activity hinder their judgment when the safety of participants and spectators is in jeopardy.

It is important for coaches and officials to know some basic facts about lightning and its dangers

- ➤ All thunderstorms produce lightning and are dangerous. In an average year, lightning kills more people in the U.S. than either tornadoes or hurricanes.
- ➤ Lightning often strikes outside the area of heavy rain and may strike as far as 10 miles from any rainfall. Many deaths from lightning occur ahead of storms because people wait too long before seeking shelter, or after storms because people return outside too soon.
- If you hear thunder, you are in danger. Anytime thunder is heard, the thunderstorm is close enough to pose an immediate lightning threat to your location.
- Lightning leaves many victims with permanent disabilities. While only a small percentage of lightning strike victims die, many survivors must learn to live with very serious, life-long disabilities.

To avoid exposing athletes and spectators to the risk of lightning take the following precautions

- Postpone activities if thunderstorms are imminent. Prior to an event, check the latest forecast and, when necessary, postpone activities early to avoid being caught in a dangerous situation. Stormy weather can endanger the lives of participants, staff, and spectators.
- ▶ Plan ahead. Have a lightning safety plan. Know where people will go for safety, and know how much time it will take for them to get there. Have specific guidelines for suspending the event or activity so that every one has time to reach safety before the threat becomes significant. Follow the plan without exception.
- Keep an eye on the sky. Pay attention to weather clues that may warn of imminent danger. Look for darkening skies, flashes of lightning, or increasing wind, which may be signs of an approaching thunderstorm.
- ▶ Listen for thunder. If you hear thunder, immediately suspend your event and instruct everyone to get to a safe place. Substantial buildings provide the best protection. Once inside, stay off corded phones, and stay away from any wiring or plumbing. Avoid sheds, small or open shelters, dugouts, bleachers, or grandstands. If a sturdy building is not nearby, a hard-topped metal vehicle with the windows closed will offer good protection, but avoid touching any metal.

- Avoid open areas. Stay away from trees, towers, and utility poles. Lightning tends to strike the taller objects.
- Stay away from metal bleachers, backstops and fences. Lightning can travel long distances through metal.
- Do not resume activities until 30 minutes after the last thunder was heard.
- As a further safety measure, officials at outdoor events may want to have a tone-alert NOAA Weather Radio. The radio will allow you to monitor any short-term forecasts for changing weather conditions, and the tone-alert feature can automatically alert you in case a severe thunderstorm watch or waming is issued. To find your nearest NOAA weather radio transmitter, go to http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/ and click on "Station Listing and Coverage."

If you feel your hair stand on end (indicating lightning is about to strike)

- Crouch down on the balls of your feet, put your hands over your ears, and bend your head down. Make yourself as small a target as possible and minimize your contact with the ground.
- Do not lie flat on the ground.

