



2021 Covid-19 Return-to-Play Safety Plan



Mission Statement



The mission of GRLL is to provide a plan for our league to return-to-play during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is our intent to follow WA state COVID-19 related guidelines with respect to youth sports.

It is acknowledged that this plan is a snapshot in time that can and will change as required based on new announcements by the governor and changes in the status of our region.

We realize that the public activities of our league including the board of directors, managers, coaches, players, umpires, parents and spectators can have both a real impact on the spread of the virus in our community as well as the perceived level of compliance and cooperation that our region has with the state health officials' guidelines and recommendations.

It is our intent to do everything we can to play out our season and postseason. This begins by demonstrating good leadership and citizenship while providing the youth of our neighborhoods an opportunity to get out on the field and play ball.

We expect that GRLL families will do what is necessary to help us provide baseball to the youth as a safe and fun return to a treasured springtime activity.



League Actions



- **Water jugs will be unavailable in the dugout. Please have the players bring their own water bottles.**
- **No spitting of sunflower seeds or anything else**
- **No sharing of batting helmets**
- **Catcher's gear will be sanitized between users**
- **Masks will be supplied to all participants at the beginning of the season for use during league activities**
- **GRL will loan a batting helmet to any kid without a personal helmet to be kept for the entire season. Please return it at the end of the season.**
- **Game balls will be supplied by both teams. Each team will bring their own ball to the field when they are on defense. Foul balls will be replaced from the dugout instead of by the umpire.**



Participant Requirements



- **Masks are required when**
 - In the dugout
 - In the area of the ballfield, dugouts, bleachers, concession stand, walkways, bathrooms or any time that social distance cannot be maintained per the guidelines of the state
 - On the field for all managers, coaches, umpires, and other non-players
 - Players are required to wear their mask unless they are actively playing/practicing as a pitcher, fielder, runner, or batter in which case they may lower their mask if it is preventing them from safely playing the game (ie seeing the ball)
- Coaches throwing batting practice may lower their mask but must maintain social distance while doing so.
- Participants should bring their own water bottles. No sharing.
- Participants will not share batting helmets. Helmets can be checked-out from the league for use for the entire season.
- Participants are encouraged to have their own bat.



Spectator/Parent Requirements



- Do not bring your kid to practice/game if he/she is sick or has symptoms
- Do not bring kids to practice/game if a member of the household is sick with COVID like symptoms
- We are currently allowed only 75 people per field including players, coaches, and umpires. This averages to a little less than 2 spectators per player so please avoid bringing the extended family or friends to watch the game
- Wear a mask in areas described above
- Please respect coaches or league officials who may ask you to wear a mask within the designated areas.
- Socially distance and do not congregate in groups
- Report concerns to the league
- Keep this game fun! This season should be remembered for the baseball and not for the virus.
- By bringing your child to a Greater Richland Little League activity, you are attesting that he/she is healthy and exhibiting no symptoms of Covid-19