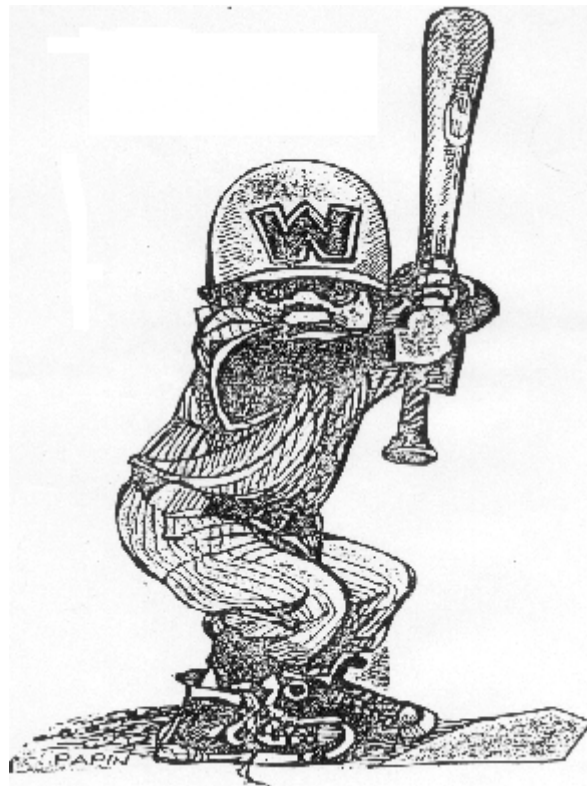




Wantagh Little League



2011 Safety Manual

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Important Contact Info

Emergency Services

Agency	Phone Number
Police/Fire/EMT	911
Nassau Police – 7th Pct	516-573-6700
Wantagh Fire Dept	516-785-0215

Little League Contacts

Safety Officer Bill Akley	516-221-1538
Wantagh Little League Main Office Ed Ciminelli, President	516-796-5744*
Williamsport Insurance Claims Office	570-327-1674 570-326-2951 (fax)

* **Note new phone number for WLL office**

Safety is everyone's responsibility



League Safety Code

- + Responsibility for safety procedures belong to all adult members of the Wantagh Little League.**
- + First Aid Kits and Ice Packs are to be available at every practice and game.**
- + No games or practices to be held when weather or field conditions are not good, particularly when lighting is inadequate.**
- + Play area will be inspected before all games and practices for holes, stones, glass and other foreign objects.**
- + Equipment shall be inspected regularly. Make sure all equipment fits properly.**
- + Except when a runner is returning to a base, head first sliding is not permitted (12 yrs old & younger).**
- + Catchers must wear catcher's helmet, mask with throat protector, shin guards, chest protector, and male catchers must wear protective supporter at all times which includes between innings and bullpen practice.**
- + Players must not wear watches, rings, pins, jewelry or other metallic items.**

- + Parents of players wearing glasses should be encouraged to provide safety glasses.**
- + At no time should “horse play” be permitted on or around the playing field.**
- + During warm up drills players should be spaced so that no one is endangered by wild throws or missed catches.**
- + Batters must wear approved protective helmets during practice and during games.**
- + Only players, managers, coaches and umpires are permitted on the field during play and practice sessions.**
- + During practice and games, all players should be alert and watching the batter on each pitch.**
- + Team equipment to be stored within dugout or behind screens and not on area of field deemed in play. Use bat racks located in dugouts.**
- + Procedure should be established to retrieve foul balls that leave playing area.**
- + On-deck batters are not permitted. Only person swinging a bat is person actually at bat.**
- + Managers will use only league supplied baseballs.**
- + No metal cleats permitted.**
- + No alcohol or drugs allowed on fields at any time.**
- + No smoking within 20 feet of fields.**
- + Make sure a cell phone is available at all games and practices.**
- + No climbing fences and observe all posted signs.**
- + During sliding practice bases should not be strapped down and should be located away from base anchoring system.**

- + Never hesitate in notifying League of any present or potential safety hazards.**
- + Players and spectators should be alert at all times for foul balls and errant throws.**
- + Use crosswalks when crossing roadways. Always be alert for traffic.**

NOTE: Wantagh Little League utilizes Volunteer Application Forms for all coaches, managers, board members and any other volunteers that have access to players to conduct a search against the Department of Justice’s nationwide sex offender registry.

Important Mandatory League Meetings

Safety Meeting – review of safety rules, handout safety manual, first-aid training by WFD

Date: March 10th

Time: 7:30pm-8:30pm

Place: Wantagh Elementary – Beech St

Rules & Fundamental Training Meeting – review league rules, manager training

Dates: March 10th

Time: 8:30pm-9:30pm

Place: Wantagh Elementary – Beech St

Wantagh Little League 0 Tolerance Policy

The Board of Directors of Wantagh Little League have adopted a ZERO Tolerance policy in regards to ANYONE present at an WLL event, whether on the field or off. Our main desire in making this decision is to ensure that all league events remain safe and pleasant for all people attending.

The term "Zero Tolerance" encompasses a wide range of actions or verbiage directed from one person to another, or to a group of people. This includes, but is not limited to:

Making derogatory comments about umpire calls, or making defaming statements to the umpires themselves.

Making derogatory comments about any coaches ability to coach, or the decisions they make concerning the players on their teams.

Making derogatory comments to any player, on the field or off, for any reason.

Any negative remark made from one spectator to another.

Any of the above actions will result in removal from the game you are attending and a suspension from the next game. You will also be asked to leave the field, which includes getting into your vehicle and leaving the premises completely. Any subsequent infraction will result in a two game suspension. If the abusive behavior occurs a third time, the person may be permanently removed from the league, pending review by the Board of Directors.

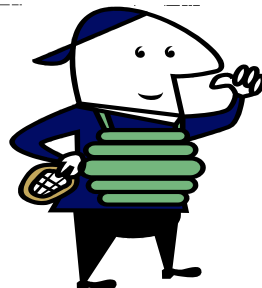
Any person threatening another person at a WLL event will be immediately asked to leave, and will be suspended for two games. ANY subsequent occurrence of the same offense will result in a one-year suspension from the league. Any occurrence after this will result in a permanent removal from WLL.

Any person assaulting: i.e.; hitting, kicking, pushing, shoving, which results in bodily injury will be permanently removed from WLL. In this case the police will be called and charges may be filed. Any person hitting, kicking, pushing, or shoving, which does not result in bodily injury, will be brought before the Board of Directors, where a decision about that person's future in the league will be determined.

Wantagh Little League is dedicated to providing a safe and fun atmosphere for the children that are participating in league events. We are also dedicated to ensuring the safety of the league officials and volunteers at the games, as well as the spectators that are present.

If you bring friends and relatives to league events, we are asking that you inform them of league policy concerning acceptable behavior at league events BEFORE you arrive at the fields.

Wantagh Little League Board of Directors.



Managers & Coaches Safety Checklist



Walk field & check for any safety issues



Inspect all equipment (helmets, bats, catchers' gear) and ensure equipment properly fits players during use.

For Majors and all younger divisions all bats must be Little League approved with a Bat Performance Rating (BPR) of 1:15. The Little League website also lists approved bats that may not have a BPR marking at www.littleleague.org



Make sure first aid kit and ice packs are available



Make sure working cell phone is available at field



Warm up players before game or practice.



Establish safe means to retrieve any foul ball that leaves playing field into area of vehicular traffic.



Monitor pitch count and ensure compliance with league rules.



During play on hot days ensure players well hydrated. Encourage players to drink between every inning.



Keep eye on players and reinforce safety rules (no horseplay, no on-deck circle, no head first sliding, pitch count rules, etc)



*** Rain**

If it starts to rain:

- 1. Evaluate impact on field and traction of players**
- 2. Determine strength of rain and direction of storm**
- 3. STOP game or practice if playing conditions become unsafe – use common sense**

*** Lightning**

Each year over 400 people are struck by lightning in the US. Most could be avoided by following some simple proper precautions:

- ❖ Postpone activities if thunderstorms are imminent**
- ❖ Keep an eye on the sky and weather conditions**
- ❖ Listen for thunder**
- ❖ If you hear thunder**
 - Immediately suspend event**
 - Instruct everyone to get to a safe place**
 - Avoid open areas. Stay away from trees, tall structures, and utility poles**
 - Stay away from metal bleachers, fences**
 - Do not resume play until 30 minutes after last thunder was heard**

Accident Reporting

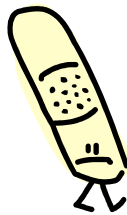
What to report –

Any incident that causes any player, manager, coach, umpire or volunteer to receive medical treatment and/or first aid must be reported to the League Safety Officer. This includes even passive treatments such as the evaluations and diagnosis of the extent of an injury.

When to report –

All such incidents described above must be reported to the League Safety Officer within 24 hours of the incident. The Wantagh Little League Safety Officer can be reached at the following:

Evenings	516-221-1538
Email	wja711@msn.com
League Office	516-796-5744





IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

- ❖ Dial 9-1-1
- ❖ Notify Parent/Guardian immediately if they are not at practice or game
- ❖ Provide 9-1-1 Dispatcher with necessary information:
 - exact location to include on street, cross streets, field name & #
 - telephone number from which call is being made
 - caller's name
 - description of what happened
 - describe how many people involved
 - condition of those injured
 - type of any first aid being administered
- ❖ Do not hang up until dispatcher hangs up
- ❖ Continue to care for injured until professional help arrives
- ❖ Appoint someone to go to street and look for ambulance
- ❖ Notify league / safety officer within 24 hours on incident. Use attached **Accident Report** to document what took place,

Wantagh Little League Accident Report

Date: _____ Time: _____ Field Location: _____

Name of Person Injured: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age: _____ Sex: M F Parent's Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Team Name: _____ Division: _____

Manager/Coach Name: _____

Description of Injury:

Preliminary Extent of Injury: _____

Name of Person Reporting Incident: _____

Could accident have been avoided? How:

*** Forward completed form to

Bill Akley, Safety Officer
Wantagh Little League
3544 Stratford Rd, Wantagh