



Seneca Falls Community Little League News

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Teams have been formed and you should hear from your team's Manager by the end of the month!

Let's Play Ball!!

Important Information/Dates:

Guidelines For Play-

In order to comply with the current COVID regulations, we have compiled the attached guidelines for play. It is important that you read these guidelines and sign the Waiver/Release. This Waiver/Release must be turned in to the Team Manager at your child's first practice. It must be received before your child may participate in any Little League activities.

***Field Maintenance Day- April 10, 2021** (Rain Date- April 17)

We need your help to get the fields ready for opening day. In order to make it easier to comply with COVID regulations and guidelines, we are asking that only adults participate in this event. Meet at Kids Territory Park at 9:00 AM. Please bring ground rakes and shovels if you have them.

***Opening Day- April 24, 2021**

Opening Day is going to look different this year. Only Major and Minor Baseball and Softball games will be played on this day. (Coach Pitch and Tee Ball games will begin on May 1st.) We will use Facebook Live to stream an Opening Ceremony at 9:00 AM from the Baseball Field during which Paul Kelley will be honored and the raffle winners will be announced. A second Ceremony will be held at 1:00 PM from the Softball Field during which we will dedicate the softball dugouts and announce raffle winners. Instead of coming to the fields, please take part in the ceremonies via Facebook Live.

***Pictures- April 24, 2021**

Pictures will take place at the Rec Center. Team and individual pictures will be taken. You will receive a picture ordering envelope from your Team Manager a few weeks in advance. Your scheduled time will be announced at least one week ahead of time. Your child needs to meet his/her team outside the Rec Center 5 minutes prior to the scheduled time. You need to bring the completed ordering envelope, including payment, with you. Extra envelopes will be available on the 24th. Even if you do not plan to order any photos, we need your child to be present for the team photo.

***Opening Day Raffle Drawing- April 24, 2021**

Your Team Manager will be giving you an envelope containing 10 Raffle tickets at one of your first practices. Please help support the league by selling these tickets. If you need additional tickets, contact your Team Manager. The cost for each ticket is \$2.00. As you sell tickets, the purchaser should retain the larger portion and you need to collect the completed smaller portion. Return the envelope with your ticket stubs, money, and any unsold tickets to your Team Manager by April 21st.

***Chicken BBQ- June 5, 2021 at Five Star Bank**

The Chicken BBQ will take place from 10:00am-1:00pm at Five Star Bank. At one of your first practices, your Team Manager will give you an envelope containing 5 tickets to sell. Extra tickets will be available from your Team Manager. The cost of each ticket is \$10.00 (\$12.00 on the day of the event). Allow the purchaser to keep the ticket and place the money in the envelope. Place your money and any unsold tickets in the envelope and give it to your Team Manager by May 17th.

***Concession Stand-**

Our Concession Stand is run by our Concession Manager, Tina Pagano, but is staffed by volunteers. If you are interested in helping out in this way, please email sfll.secretary@gmail.com. Anyone who volunteers will be asked to complete a Volunteer Application and Background Check. Once the season has started, you can stop by the Concession Stand and sign up for a shift.



Seneca Falls Community Little League 2021 Season Guidelines for Play

1. All individuals must measure their body temperature to ensure that no fever is present prior to participating or attending each Little League activity. Anyone with symptoms of fever, cough, or worsening respiratory symptoms, or any known exposure to a person with COVID-19 within the past 14 days should not attend any Little League activity until cleared by a medical professional or released from the quarantine protocols of the Health Department. Before participating in a Little League activity players/guardians will need to attest that the player does not have a temperature over 100 degrees, has not experienced COVID related symptoms or close contact with an individual with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID within the past 14 days.
2. Any individual, including players, at risk for severe illness or with serious underlying medical or respiratory condition should only attend Little League activities with permission from a medical professional.
3. Everyone should wear a cloth face covering when they have to go out in common areas at our Little League fields. Extra masks will be available at each field for those who may have forgotten theirs.
4. All managers/coaches, volunteers, umpires, etc., should wear PPE whenever applicable and possible, such as cloth face coverings.
5. Players should wear cloth face coverings when in close contact areas and in places where recommended social distancing is challenging or not feasible, such as in dugouts. Players are not required to wear a cloth face covering while on the field during game play.
6. Only managers, coaches and players will be allowed to attend practices. Players will practice 6 feet of social distancing whenever possible. All coaches will do their best to remain 6 feet away from all players at all times.
7. Players are encouraged to wait in their cars with guardians until just before the beginning of a practice or game, instead of forming a group. After dropping your child off for a practice or game, you are encouraged to leave the field area until the practice has ended or the game has begun. After practices and games, players and families/spectators should vacate the field/facility as soon as is reasonably possible to minimize unnecessary contact with players, coaches, and spectators from the next practice or game, ideally within 10 minutes.
8. Before each game an area will be marked off as a player area. Players who enter this area may not leave this area until dismissed by their coach. Players may only be dismissed from this playing area to use the restroom or when game play has ended. A coach will give players hand sanitizer for their hands when entering the player area and it will be made available throughout the game. Within this area, coaches will assign spots for players to keep their equipment.
9. All parents are to drop off players at the players' area before the game and must remain at least 6 feet away from this area throughout the game.
10. Parents may not enter the field or players' area unless there is an injury emergency.
11. Large water bottles, with the players' names clearly marked on them, should be brought to each game by each player and shall be kept with the player's personal gear.
12. **No food, gum or seeds may be brought into the player area.**
13. No personal equipment should be shared during a game or practice.
14. Players are encouraged to provide their own equipment including a bat, helmet, glove and catchers gear, if player wishes to catch. It is understood that this may not be feasible for all players. If necessary team bats may be used but need to be sanitized between each use. If a player doesn't have their own helmet, one will be assigned to them by SFCLL to use throughout the season. This helmet may not be used by other players. At the end of the season the helmet must be returned to the league. Catchers' gear will be assigned to each team. The gear will be assigned to players who wish to catch but don't have gear of their own. This gear may not be shared throughout the season and must be returned at the end of the season to SFCLL. **All gear should be marked to identify to whom it belongs.**
15. Game balls will be sanitized after each inning.
16. The benches in the dugouts will be sanitized after each game.
17. Players will not be allowed to high-five or shake hands during or after a game.
18. Spectators will be limited to **2 per player** according to the current state regulations. The maximum number of spectators at the field will not exceed the amount allowable by NY State and Seneca County Health Department. Spectators will be required to sit at least 6 feet away from the players' area. Spectators must maintain 6 feet of physical distance between individual and/or family/household units at all times and all spectators must wear face coverings when they are in common areas and situations where 6 feet of distancing is not able to be maintained, so long as they are over the age of two and medically able to

tolerate such covering.

19. Spectators will need to bring their own chairs. Bleachers will not be made available to spectators.
20. Spectators and players are encouraged to wash or sanitize their hands frequently, especially after having been in a common area such as the restroom and after coughing, blowing the nose or sneezing. Hand sanitizer will be made available at each field and the concession stand. Participants and spectators are also encouraged to bring their own hand sanitizer.
21. Restroom use will be subject to the Town's guidelines. They will be cleaned and sanitized after each game.
22. All participants will be required to complete a waiver prior to engaging in any Little League activities for the season.

WAIVER/RELEASE

In consideration of being allowed to participate on behalf of the Seneca Falls Community Little League in the 2021 Little League season, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The undersigned has reviewed the "Guidelines for Play" and hereby agrees to abide by said guidelines. The undersigned further agrees to stay home or keep their child home if they or their child or anyone in the household has been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID 19.
2. Although the Seneca Falls Community Little League has set forth "Guidelines for Play" and implemented other preventative measures to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID 19, I understand that the league cannot guarantee that I, my child or any spectators will not be exposed or contract COVID 19.
3. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, and assume full responsibility for my and/or my child's participation and my ability to participate, attend and/or spectate; and,
4. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation ("Guidelines for Play"). I further agree to abide by any regulations set forth by the Seneca County Health Department, the Town of Seneca Falls, Seneca County and/or New York State.
5. I, for myself, my child and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Seneca Falls Community Little League, their officers, officials, agents, and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("RELEASEES"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IF FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of participant: _____

Participant signature: _____

Date signed: _____

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian, with legal responsibility for this participant, have read and explained the provisions in this waiver/release to my child including the risks of presence and participation and his/her personal responsibilities for adhering to the Guidelines for Play. Furthermore, my child understands and accepts these risks and responsibilities. I for myself and child do consent and agree to his/her release provided above for all the Releasees and myself and child do release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees for any and all liabilities incident to my minor child's presence or participation in the 2021 Seneca Falls Community Little League season, to the fullest extent provided by law.

Name of parent/guardian: _____

Parent guardian/signature: _____

Date signed: _____