



# 2025 Safety Plan

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## Introduction and Safety Goals

### Welcome to Canal Little League's 2025 Season!

We are excited to welcome you to another thrilling season of Canal Little League Baseball and Softball! As we kick off the 2025 season, we want to reaffirm our commitment to safety on and off the field. The health and well-being of our players, coaches, volunteers, and families remain our highest priority, and we've taken important steps to ensure a safe environment for everyone involved.

Each year, Canal Little League appoints a Safety Officer to oversee and enhance our league's safety practices. This year, our Safety Officer is Alexis Herbein who will work closely with the Canal Little League Board of Directors to implement our comprehensive safety plan. You can reach Lexy at [safety@canallittleleague.org](mailto:safety@canallittleleague.org) with any safety-related questions, concerns, or incident reports.

### Our Goals for Safety This Season:

- **Maintain Safe Facilities and Equipment:** We are working to ensure our fields are well-maintained and equipped with updated signage and properly inspected safety equipment. We've also allocated funds specifically for safety supplies, field upgrades, and new player gear.
- **Promote Physical and Emotional Well-being:** Safety is not just about physical health; it's about fostering an environment where all players feel respected and supported. We ask that all participants—coaches, umpires, parents, and spectators—adhere to our Code of Conduct, which can be found on our website and in this Safety Plan.
- **Empower Coaches and Volunteers with Training and Resources:** We have provided comprehensive training for coaches and volunteers on injury prevention, emergency response, and respectful communication. To ensure compliance, our league has two board positions: a Baseball Coaching/Team Parent and a newly established Softball Coaching/Team Parent. These board members oversee training, enforce safety protocols, and support coaches in maintaining a safe and positive environment for all players.
- **Encourage Open Communication:** We believe safety is everyone's responsibility, and we welcome open communication from our community. If you need to report an injury, safety concern, or Code of Conduct violation, please contact our Safety Officer. Accident report forms and additional safety guidelines can be found on the [Canal Little League Website](#).

Please take a moment to review this Safety Plan for additional information on our safety protocols, contact information, and resources. Together, we can ensure a season filled with fun, teamwork, and safety for all.

Thank you for being part of the Canal Little League community. Now, let's play ball—and play it safe!

Sincerely,

Alexis Herbein  
Safety Officer, Canal Little League  
(302) 588 - 2663

President, Canal Little League  
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## Distribution of Safety Manual and First Aid Kits

At the start of each season, each team will receive a **Safety Manual** and a **First Aid Kit** as part of their team's equipment package to ensure preparedness for any minor injuries or emergencies.

- **First Aid Supplies:** Each team will receive a physical therapy-grade chemical ice pack to begin the season. Additional ice is always available at the concession stand, and replacement chemical ice packs can be requested from the League Safety Officer as needed.
- **Umpire and Concession Stand Resources:** The Chief Umpire will also be provided with a copy of the Safety Manual for reference. The concession stands will keep a clearly visible First Aid Kit, accessible at all times.
- **Contents of the Safety Manual and First Aid Kit:**
  - The Safety Manual contains emergency contact numbers, a directory of Board Directors, the Canal Little League Code of Conduct, and essential guidelines on handling injuries.
  - The First Aid Kit includes essential supplies to provide initial care to an injured player until professional assistance is available if required.

For any additional questions or to obtain replacement items, please reach out to the League Safety Officer.



By participating in ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) Canal Little League is dedicated to providing a safe environment for all its players, volunteers, parents, and spectators.

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### Contact Information

#### CLL 2025 Board of Directors Contact Information

Position	Name	Position	Name
President* <a href="mailto:president@canallittleleague.org">president@canallittleleague.org</a>		Vice President of Baseball* <a href="mailto:baseball-vp@canallittleleague.org">baseball-vp@canallittleleague.org</a>	<b>Jimmy Franks</b>
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Minor B Baseball Officer	<b>Chuck Wilson</b>	Minor T/Slugger Baseball Officer	<b>Rob Vigliotta</b>
Sr./Major Softball Officer	<b>Angela Giroud</b>	Minor Softball Officer	<b>Rob Denton</b>
Information/Web	<b>Jenn Rodriguez</b>	Coaching/Team Parent - Softball	<b>Chris Malinowski</b>
Coaching/Team Parent - Baseball	<b>Greg Porter</b>	Equipment/Uniforms	<b>Will Sheppard</b>
Sponsorship Coordinator	<b>Melanie Taylor</b>	Scheduling Coordinator	<b>Stephanie Wilson</b>
Concessions Director	<b>Geri Proffitt</b>	Field Operations	<b>Thomas Quirk</b>
Field Maintenance	<b>Greg Carlini</b>	Field Maintenance	<b>Kevin Garber</b>
Umpire in Chief	<b>Jimmy Franks</b>		

*\*denotes executive committee*

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### Emergency Contact Information

*For all emergencies requiring police, fire, and/or ambulance, dial 9-1-1 for assistance.*

Non-Emergency	Phone Number
Delaware State Police - Troop 2	(302) 834-2620
Aetna Fire Department	(302) 261-7756
Artesian Water	(800) 332-5114
Delmarva Electric	(800) 898-8042

Local Hospitals & Emergency Departments	Address	Phone Number
Christiana Care - Middletown ER	621 Middletown Odessa Rd. Middletown, DE 19709	(302) 203-1300
Christiana Care - GoHealth Urgent Care Glasgow	2645 Pulaski Hwy Newark, DE 19702	(302) 273-1317
Christiana Care - Christiana Hospital	4755 Ogletown Stanton Rd. Newark, DE 19718	(302) 733-1000
Nemours Children's Hospital	1600 Rockland Rd. Wilmington, DE 19803	(302) 651-4200

## Codes of Conduct

### Manager/Coach Code of Conduct

Canal Little League is dedicated to fostering the physical, social, and emotional development of our young athletes. As a Manager or Coach, you are a role model for good sportsmanship and positive behavior, setting an example for players, spectators, and the community.

As a Manager/Coach in Canal Little League, I commit to the following principles:

- **Promote Sportsmanship and Skill Development:** I will encourage good sportsmanship, teach baseball and softball skills to the best of my ability, and prioritize a fun and positive experience for all players.
- **Uphold Team Integrity:** I recognize that a team's reputation is based as much on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and conduct as on its playing ability.
- **Maintain Respectful Conduct:** I understand that any form of physical or verbal abuse toward fellow coaches, players, or spectators is strictly prohibited.
- **Prohibit Profanity:** I acknowledge that profanity is expressly forbidden at all times within the Canal Little League complex.
- **Avoid Alcohol and Tobacco Use:** I will refrain from using alcohol and tobacco products on Canal Little League property.
- **Adhere to Rules and Safety Standards:** I am committed to understanding, following, and teaching all national and local league rules. I will make every effort to ensure a safe playing environment for all players.
- **Prioritize Player Well-being:** I will place the physical and emotional well-being of players above any personal desire to win.
- **Organize Engaging Practices:** I will plan and conduct enjoyable and challenging practices that contribute to each player's growth.
- **Respect Umpires:** Recognizing that baseball is a game of interpretations and that umpires, like players, are in training, I will show respect for umpires, address any concerns civilly, and accept final decisions. I understand that only team managers are permitted to initiate discussions with umpires.
- **Communicate Openly with Players and Parents:** I will maintain open lines of communication with players and their families, remaining approachable and responsive. When a parent reaches out to discuss any matter, I will engage respectfully and courteously.

### Parent Code of Conduct

Canal Little League is committed to fostering a positive environment for young athletes by engaging parents in a supportive and respectful role. The Parent Code of Conduct upholds our commitment to character development and ethical behavior, emphasizing sportsmanship and core values like respect, responsibility, fairness, and good citizenship.

As a Canal Little League Parent, I commit to the following:

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- **Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship:** I will actively encourage sportsmanship by showing positive support to players, coaches, and officials at all times.
- **Respect Team Commitments:** I will respect the schedules of coaches and teammates by ensuring my child arrives on time for practices and games. If my child will be late or unable to attend, I will notify the coach in advance.
- **Uphold Respectful Conduct:** I will refrain from any unsportsmanlike behavior, including taunting, negative comments, or the use of profane language, toward officials, coaches, players, or other parents.
- **Value Effort Over Winning:** I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning and emphasize the importance of effort, teamwork, and personal growth.
- **Respect Officials and Their Authority:** I will respect the officials' decisions and authority throughout games, understanding their role in ensuring a fair and safe playing environment.
- **Address Concerns Appropriately:** I will refrain from approaching coaches or managers with concerns before, during, or immediately after games, reserving any questions or issues for a more constructive discussion the day after, in a setting conducive to problem-solving.
- **Avoid Sideline Coaching:** I will not coach my child or other players during games, allowing the team's coaches to provide instruction and guidance.
- **Abstain from Alcohol and Tobacco Use:** I will refrain from using alcohol or tobacco products while on Canal Little League property, promoting a healthy and family-friendly environment.

### Player Code of Conduct

At Canal Little League, we believe in building character, responsibility, and teamwork in our young athletes. As a player, your responsibilities are simple but meaningful: respect others, take responsibility, play fairly, show good sportsmanship, and always give your best effort.

As a Canal Little League Player, I commit to the following:

- **Promote Sportsmanship:** I will demonstrate and encourage good sportsmanship toward my teammates, coaches, officials, and parents.
- **Play Safely and Responsibly:** I will never throw a bat or any equipment in anger, and I agree to follow all team and league rules to ensure safe play for everyone.
- **Respect Team Commitments:** I will do my best to arrive on time and attend every practice and game, and I will let my coaches know if I am unable to attend.
- **Strive for Improvement:** I will work hard to improve my skills and be a better player.
- **Encourage Family Involvement:** I will encourage my parents to support my team and our league by getting involved in positive ways.
- **Demonstrate Respect and Sportsmanship:** I will congratulate the other team after each game as a display of good sportsmanship, win or lose.
- **Exercise Self-Control:** I will maintain self-control at all times, avoiding foul language and any other behavior that doesn't reflect positively on me or my team.



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- **Play for the Team's Success:** I will work for the good of my team, follow the rules of the game, and respect the decisions of the coaches and officials.
- **Show Respect to Everyone:** I will treat my teammates, opponents, fans, and umpires with respect at all times, recognizing that each person plays an important role in our league.

**Violations of any of the above Codes of Conduct will be promptly addressed by the Canal Little League Board of Directors. Disciplinary actions may include, but are not limited to, the following: verbal warning, written warning, suspension from game(s), or removal from any and all league activities.**

## Volunteer Application

All Canal volunteers, including coaches, board members, and event staff, must submit an annual Volunteer Application, pass a background check, and complete the [Little League Abuse Awareness Training](#).

## Manager/Coach Responsibilities

The role of a Manager is essential to upholding team conduct, ensuring adherence to the official rules, and prioritizing player safety. Managers, appointed by the President, are responsible for overseeing the team's on-field actions, communicating with umpires and opposing teams, and modeling respectful behavior. Managers are accountable for both their own conduct and that of their coaches, players, and Team Parent.

If a Manager must leave the field, a designated Coach will assume all Manager duties and responsibilities.

### Pre-Season Responsibilities

- **Preparation:** Attend the pre-season coaches' meeting, complete first-aid training, and obtain the First-Aid Kit.
- **Team Meeting:** Host a team meeting to discuss league philosophy, safety standards, and injury prevention.
- **Skill Development:** Emphasize safety fundamentals and ensure players learn proper techniques, such as sliding, before the season begins.
- **Parental Communication:** Inform parents that players who have sought medical care must provide a signed medical release before returning to play.
- **Encouragement:** Suggest players bring water bottles and use sunscreen and mouth guards for practices and games.

### In-Season Responsibilities

- **Accessibility:** Ensure there is telephone access at all games and practices.
- **Player Development:** Teach game fundamentals, such as catching, sliding, and fielding, and maintain realistic expectations for each player's abilities.
- **First-Aid Kit:** Always have the First-Aid Kit on hand and encourage proactive injury prevention.
- **Openness:** Remain receptive to ideas and assistance.

### Pre-Game and Practice Protocols

- **Medical Release:** Verify medical releases for injured players returning to play.
- **Uniform and Equipment Checks:** Confirm players are wearing proper uniforms and gear, including protective cups for catchers.
- **Field Inspection:** Walk the field prior to games and practices, address safety concerns, and assess field conditions with the opposing Manager. If there is disagreement on field fitness, a league representative will decide.

### Game-Time Responsibilities

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- **Equipment Management:** Ensure all equipment is cleared off the field when players are batting and prevent items from being left on the field.
- **Safety Awareness:** Keep players alert, disciplined, and focused on safety. Enforce the “no on-deck” rule, monitor proper equipment use, and ensure players remain behind screens.
- **Hydration and Injury Response:** Encourage regular water breaks to prevent dehydration and promptly attend to any injuries.

### Post-Game Responsibilities

- **Player Pickup:** Ensure every player has been picked up by a known family member or authorized individual.
- **Injury Communication:** Notify parents of any injuries, regardless of severity, and complete an accident report if necessary.
- **Field Cleanup:** Restore the field to its pre-game condition following League policy.

**Managers who neglect safety responsibilities may be called to explain their actions before the League’s Board of Directors.**

### Medical Release Forms

Parents are required to complete and sign a Little League Baseball and Softball [Medical Release Form](#) for their child. Each Manager must obtain and keep copies of these forms accessible at every practice and game. Players cannot participate in any practices or games without a completed Medical Release Form on file.

## Training

As a nonprofit organization, Canal Little League is driven by volunteers dedicated to providing a safe and supportive environment where our community’s youth can learn and enjoy the games of baseball and softball. Our mission is to ensure every child has the opportunity to play and grow through positive experiences in sports.

### Fundamentals Training

*To be scheduled and held by each division officer*

All coaches and managers must be well-prepared to lead Little League baseball and softball effectively. Each team is required to have at least one coach or manager participate in training annually, with every coach and manager completing this training at least once every three years. The Fundamentals Training covers essential topics, including division specific rules, warm-up exercises, coaching techniques, and methods for teaching proper hitting, throwing, and catching mechanics. **Canal Little League’s 2025 fundamentals training session is scheduled for March 11, 2025.**

### First Aid Training

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All coaches and managers are required to attend this annual training, conducted by the League Safety Officer. **Canal Little League's 2025 first aid training session is scheduled for March 11, 2025 at Christ the Teacher School.**

### Additional Training Programs

**Little League Abuse Awareness Training:** A mandatory program for all volunteers and umpires at CLL. This training educates participants on recognizing, preventing, and responding to abuse, including understanding boundaries, spotting warning signs, and knowing appropriate response protocols. Required by the SafeSport Act, this course is critical in maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all young athletes. Training completion is monitored by Coaching/Team Parent Officers: Greg Porter and Chris Malinowski.

**Heads Up Concussion Training:** This training equips coaches and managers with essential knowledge on concussions, including their causes, symptoms, and impact on physical and mental health. Coaches will learn how to recognize signs of concussion, understand their role in removing an athlete from play if necessary, and follow key steps for safe return-to-play. The training also emphasizes prevention strategies and responsibilities in promoting concussion safety. Certification is required every year, with a copy of completion to be submitted to the Coaching/Team Parent Officers.

**Diamond Leader Program:** Focused on ensuring children have a positive, well-rounded experience on and off the field, the [Little League® Diamond Leader Training Program](#) is a FREE educational resource that provides coaches with an understanding of the impact that mental, social, and emotional well-being has in youth sports through detailed information, interactive scenarios, and a variety of additional resources. This is mandatory for all-star managers and coaches and is encouraged for all volunteers.

## Accident Reporting Procedure

Any incident resulting in medical treatment or first aid for players, managers, coaches, umpires, or volunteers must be reported within 24 hours to the League's Safety Officer. This includes evaluations and diagnoses related to the injury, even if no immediate treatment was provided. The [Incident/Injury Tracking Form](#), also located on the Canal website, should be submitted for all injuries that result in removal of a player from game or practice and/or require the attention of a medical provider. If a player misses 7 or more continuous days of participation, a physician or other accredited medical provider must give written permission for a full return to baseball/softball activity.

Accidents involving spectators and third-party individuals should also use the Incident/Injury Tracking Form and complete it within 24 hours.

### League Insurance Claims

In the event of an accident with potential medical expenses, guardians should consider completing the [Little League Accident Notification Form](#). This secondary insurance policy covers expenses not covered by your primary insurance, with a \$50 deductible per injury.

Claims for eligible members must be filed with Little League International within 20 days of the incident. Upon receipt of the complete claim form, a claim number will be assigned for tracking purposes. To ensure prompt processing, please submit the claim form as soon as possible and ensure all sections are complete. Following this, claimants should provide all itemized medical bills (including procedure and diagnosis codes) and any primary insurance explanation of benefits, if applicable. Additional instructions can be found [here](#).

## Facility and Equipment Safety

The Little League Safety Code outlines essential procedures to create a safe environment for players, coaches, and spectators. Adult league members are responsible for enforcing these protocols, including ensuring that managers, coaches, and umpires receive first-aid training and are CPR-aware. The league also maintains two AEDs on-site for emergency situations and ensures a well-stocked first-aid kit is available at the field.

Key provisions include conducting regular inspections of play areas, enforcing restrictions on field access during play, and implementing safety measures such as requiring protective helmets and equipment for players. Additionally, guidelines are provided for managing equipment, preventing horseplay, and ensuring that players remain alert and properly spaced during drills.

For a comprehensive understanding of the Little League Safety Code and to access the full text, please [click here](#).

### Field Conditions/Hazards

Fields are routinely inspected to ensure safe play conditions. Team managers, coaches, and umpires should inspect the field together before each game or practice, checking for hazards such as holes, debris, or damage. Any issues should be addressed immediately if possible. Canal is committed to utilizing the Field and Game Safety Checklist prior to each game. Parents are also encouraged to help monitor safety in and around the ballpark for both athletes and spectators. Games or practices should be canceled if field conditions or weather pose a risk, or when lighting is inadequate.

### Lightning Policy

Activities should be stopped immediately when any of the following criteria are met: lightning is observed, thunder is heard, or the time between a lightning flash and the corresponding thunder is 30 seconds or less, indicating the storm is within six miles. Additionally, if the sky looks threatening, play should be halted as storms can develop rapidly. A designated "lightning monitor" should be responsible for making these decisions, ensuring that all participants move to a safe location, such as a substantial building with wiring and plumbing or a hard-topped vehicle with windows closed. Play may only resume after at least 30 minutes have passed since the last observed lightning or thunder. For full Little League lightning safety guidelines, [click here](#).

### Facility Survey

To ensure the safety and quality of our playing fields, our Field Operations position is conducting a comprehensive facility survey. This survey will be an ongoing process as we continue to upgrade and improve our fields. Overseen by our field maintenance team, the survey will assess field conditions, identify potential hazards, and ensure compliance with safety standards. Regular evaluations will help us address any concerns promptly, providing a safer environment for players, coaches, and spectators. Feedback from league members is encouraged as we work to maintain and enhance our facilities.

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### Concession Stand Safety Protocols

To ensure a safe, hygienic, and welcoming experience for everyone, our concession stand safety protocols are designed to meet the highest standards. These guidelines cover everything from health compliance and equipment maintenance to fire safety and age requirements for volunteers. Following these protocols helps protect our team members, guests, and athletes, fostering a secure environment for all.

- **Compliance and Safety Standards:**
  - Concession stand operations will meet or exceed all local health regulations.
  - Safety procedures will be clearly posted at all times for easy reference by all workers.
  - A certified fire extinguisher appropriate for grease fires will be visible and accessible at all times.
  - Each concession stand will have a fully stocked first aid kit available for immediate use.
- **Age Requirements:** Only individuals aged 16 and over are permitted behind the concession counter. Additionally, those operating fryers must be at least 18 years old.
- **Equipment Maintenance:** All cooking equipment will be inspected regularly. Equipment will be repaired or replaced as needed to maintain safety standards.
- **Approved Foods Only:** Only food items purchased by the League for concession sales may be cooked, prepared, or sold in the concession stands.
- **Safe Storage:**
  - Cooking grease will be stored in appropriate containers, safely away from open flames.
  - Cleaning chemicals must be kept in a locked, designated storage area.
- **Emergency Exits:** The main entrance door to the concession stand must remain unlocked and unobstructed while personnel are inside.

### Equipment Safety and Inspection

Proper equipment is essential to player safety, though it cannot entirely prevent injuries in baseball and softball. It is the responsibility of parents, guardians, and players to recognize these limitations and take appropriate precautions. Our Equipment Officer, an elected board member, oversees purchasing and distributing league-approved equipment to all teams. This equipment is inspected upon distribution, but each team's manager is accountable for maintaining it in safe condition throughout the season.

For more information on inspecting baseball and softball bats, [click here](#).

For more information on inspecting batting helmets and catcher's gear, [click here](#).

Managers must check all equipment before practices and games, and any damaged items should be reported immediately for replacement. Players may use their own gear as long as it meets the requirements in our Safety Manual and the [Official Little League Rule Book](#).

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Here are additional equipment guidelines for player safety:

- **Protective Helmets:** Each team will have five NOCSAE-approved helmets in the dugout. Players may use their own helmets if they meet NOCSAE standards.
  - Helmet use is mandatory for all batters, base runners, and player base coaches.
  - Helmets must fit properly.
- **Male Players:** Athletic supporters are required; catchers must wear metal, fiber, or plastic cups.
- **Catcher Safety Gear:** All catchers are required to wear chest protectors, shin guards, throat guards, and NOCSAE-compliant helmets with dangling-type throat protectors at all times.
  - Skullcaps are not permitted.
- **Bat Safety:** Bats with loose gripping tape or fractures should be discarded or repaired prior to use.
- **Official League Balls:** Only official Little League balls are permitted during practices and games.

At season's end, all equipment—including First Aid kits—should be returned to the Equipment Officer.



**Appendix**

A: First Aid Training Hand-Out

 **Little League Coaches' Safety Guide** 

## 1. League Safety Plan – Key Points

**Emergency Action Plan (EAP):** Know the procedure for injuries and emergencies.

**Injury Reporting:** Report all injuries to league officials using the proper forms.

**Field & Equipment Checks:** Inspect fields, bases, and gear before each game and practice.

## 2. CPR & AED Basics

### CPR (Hands-Only Method):

1. Call **911** immediately if someone is unresponsive.
2. Begin **chest compressions (100-120 per minute, at least 2 inches deep)**.
3. Use an **AED** if available and follow voice prompts.

### AED Locations:

1. Majors Baseball Shed
2. Softball Shed

## 3. First Aid & Common Injuries

- **Minor Injuries:** Clean cuts, apply ice for bruises, and monitor for worsening symptoms.
- **Concussions:** If a player hits their head and shows signs of confusion, dizziness, or nausea, **remove them from play and seek medical attention.**
  - *Must notify parents of any head injury so they can monitor at home!*
- **Heat Exhaustion:** Encourage hydration and provide shade during hot days. Look for symptoms like dizziness, confusion, and heavy sweating.

## 4. Lightning & Severe Weather Protocols


- **When thunder roars, go indoors!** Stop play immediately if thunder is heard or lightning is seen.
- **Seek shelter in cars or buildings.** Dugouts are NOT safe.
- **Wait 30 minutes** after the last lightning strike before resuming play.


## 5. Sportsmanship & Player Well-Being

- Foster a **positive environment** – safety includes emotional well-being.
- Encourage open communication with players and parents about injuries and safety concerns.
- **No pressure to “play through pain”** – always prioritize health over competition.

## 6. Important Contacts

 **Emergency:** 911

 **Canal Little League Address:** 2548 Glasgow Ave, Newark, DE 19702

 **Nearest Hospital/Clinic:** Christiana Urgent Care (2645 Pulaski Hwy Suite A, Newark, DE 19702) or Christiana Hospital - Newark Campus

 **League Safety Officer:** Alexis Herbein (302-588-2663)

B: CLL Umpire Expectations

## Umpire Expectations at Canal Little League

At Canal Little League, we're committed to creating a safe and positive environment where young players can enjoy and learn the game of baseball. Umpires play a crucial role in upholding these standards by ensuring both the game rules and our safety protocols are enforced. This one-page guide is designed to help you, as an umpire, support our commitment to safety, sportsmanship, and fair play at every level.

Please review the following pre-game, in-game, and post-game responsibilities and observe them throughout each game. Your diligence and focus help protect our players and spectators, contributing to a safe and enjoyable experience for all.

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### Pre-Game Responsibilities:

- Verify equipment in both dugouts meets league safety standards; any items not meeting specifications must be removed from play.
- Confirm all catchers are wearing helmets when warming up pitchers.
- Ensure players are not wearing jewelry or metal cleats, as per league regulations.
- Obtain official Little League baseballs for play from the home team.
- Inspect the field for any safety hazards and address any necessary adjustments prior to the start of the game.

### During the Game:

- Govern play in alignment with Little League rules and regulations.
- Inspect baseballs regularly, removing any with visible damage, such as discoloration or nicks.
- Use sole discretion to decide when to suspend or end play due to weather, field conditions, low visibility, or darkness.
- Prevent any spectators from entering the field area during the game.
- Ensure that catchers wear appropriate protective equipment throughout the game.
- Monitor the field continuously for safety and playability issues.
- Make all calls loud and clear, using proper signals for each call.
- Remind players and spectators to keep hands and fingers away from the fencing.

### Post-Game Responsibilities:

- Consult with team managers regarding any safety violations.
- Report any unsafe situations or incidents to the League Safety Officer both by phone and in writing (Safety@CanalLittleLeague.org).