



League Safety

Wrentham Police and Fire Emergency – 911
Wrentham Public Safety (non-emergency) – 508-384-2121

The Wrentham Youth Baseball Softball Association is dedicated to the safety of its players, coaches, managers, parents and spectators. These policies are intended to support the League's efforts and have been approved by the Board of Directors. Coaches, managers, umpires, parents and players within the League are invited and expected to support the enforcement of these rules and regulations while they are at the fields attending games or practices. Safety is a work in progress. Please provide your comments and suggestions.

For additional information on WYBSA, please visit our web site at:

WWW.WYBSA.NET

Safety is Job One For Everyone

PARENT SUPERVISION

Parents should not leave a player unattended at a practice or game without obtaining the permission of a coach or manager. With players under the minor league level, a parent should be present at all practices or games. If for any reason a parent cannot be present, an alternate adult can be designated by a parent with the approval of the coach or manager.

ON FIELD SAFETY

1. All team equipment shall be inspected by the coach or manager on a per game/practice basis and all worn or broken equipment shall be replaced immediately.
2. Batters helmets must be worn by the batter during all batting, including games, batting cage hitting, soft toss and batting practice.
3. Batters helmets must be worn at all times by base runners during all games and practices.
4. All batters helmets supplied by the league shall include cages, which shall not be removed. For baseball, cages are required for all levels below majors. Any major league player using a non-league helmet are encouraged to use a mouth guard while batting. For softball of all levels, players shall use helmets with cages and chin straps. All helmets, including catcher's helmets, whether supplied by the league or a player, shall meet or exceed meet NOCSAE standards.
5. Throwing helmets or bats must be dealt with in a serious manner by all coaches and managers, whether they are thrown in anger or not.
6. Unless specifically supervised by a coach, manager or assistant, "on-deck" swinging of bats is prohibited. No "on deck" player shall be outside of the fenced area adjacent to the dugout or bench area. No player other than the "on deck" player shall be outside of the dugout or bench area except for players engaged in pitching warm-ups specifically authorized by the manager or coach.
7. Pitcher warm-ups should be conducted in approved areas designed for pitching or approved by their coach or manager.
8. Breakaway bases shall be inserted fully into the ground holes. No game or practice shall be run without complete inspection of the breakaway bases.
9. Catchers must wear knee savers and an approved catcher's helmet with neck protector during games, pitcher warm ups and infield practices.
10. Where gender appropriate, all baseball players above instructional must wear a protective cup. All catchers at all levels are required to wear a protective cup.
11. No pepper games are allowed.
12. Batting practice must not be conducted with a fence or backstop used as the catcher unless the fence or backstop are at least 10 feet behind the batter.
13. All equipment must be kept in the dugouts or behind dugout fences during games and practices.
14. No bicycles are allowed on any field or in the dugouts at any time.
15. No glass bottles are allowed in the dugout area at any time.

FIRST AID

A central First Aid Kit and chemical ice packs are located in the concession stand. The central First Aid Kit and chemical ice packs are only to be accessed by coaches, managers, or their assistants. Smaller First Aid Kits are located in the storage boxes at each field for use when the concession stand is not open. Coaches and managers of teams playing at non-league facilities or at the Rice Complex should maintain chemical ice packs and minor first aid items (band aids, gauze, tape, etc.) in their equipment bags.

PLAYER INJURIES AND 911

Coaches and managers have a responsibility to protect the health and welfare of their players. A player may be injured without the parent having witnessed the incident. In any circumstance where a player is injured and the nature of the injury has the potential to be significant, or the coach or manager cannot adequately assess the severity of an injury, 911 should be called. If a parent is present, the parent will decide the nature and extent of treatment by emergency personnel. If a parent is not present, every effort should be made to contact the parent or emergency alternate. In the meantime, coaches and managers should rely upon the advice of emergency personnel for treatment.

That all managers and coaches are required to report all injuries to the League Safety Officer within 24 hours by telephone and email. Coaches and a league representative should follow up with the parents of any injured player within 24 hours of an injury.

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LIGHTNING

The fields shall be cleared when conditions for lightning exist. The first lightning strike can occur on a field. Umpires, coaches and managers each have a responsibility to act in the best interest of safety. They should consult with each other on this issue but are permitted to exercise their own judgment in stopping play, even if it is not shared by the opposing coach, manager or umpire. All umpires, coaches, managers and parents should respect this decision without complaint or negative comment.

Additionally, and not as a substitute for the previous paragraph, the league or Wrentham Recreation may suspend or cancel all ongoing games or practices then underway with the use of an air horn or similar warning device. When such a warning is given, all play should be immediately suspended.

When lightning is present and play has been suspended, everyone should immediately go to vehicles or fixed permanent structures. Dugouts should not be used during lightning. Any game or practice stopped in progress, due to weather, lightning or field conditions shall end all field activities at that point unless specifically permitted by the League or Wrentham Recreation.

CONCESSION STAND SAFETY POLICY

1. No volunteer under the age of 13 years old will be allowed to work or be present in the concession stand at any time.
2. All prepared foods must be handled with paper towels or plastic wrap. Volunteers handling prepared food must wear plastic/rubber gloves while working. All volunteers must wash their hands on a frequent basis.
3. The concession stand shall be cleaned on a nightly basis.
4. Volunteers handling prepared foods should not handle money.
5. List of all emergency numbers and player's home numbers shall be available in the concession stand for emergency use.

CORI REGISTRATION

All members of the Board of Directors, all managers, coaches and league volunteers who have access to players and teams, shall fill out and submit a Massachusetts CORI form. No adult shall serve any team or WYBSA, officially or unofficially, in any capacity other than as a spectator, unless they have been registered with WYBSA and have competed and filed a CORI form. Prior to any coach or manager allowing any parent to participate as an assistant or in any other capacity not specifically assigned by the league, completion of a CORI form must be confirmed with the league.

SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED AT ANY WYBSA FACILITY OR FIELD