



A Safe Awareness Program

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League Volunteer Application

Each person who volunteers with FFYSA will be required to complete a Little League Volunteer Application.

Managers, coaches, board members, and any other persons, volunteers or hired workers, who provide regular service to the league and/or have repetitive access to or contact with players or teams must fill out an application form as well as provide a government-issued photo identification card for ID verification.

Anyone refusing to fill out a Volunteer Application is ineligible to be a league member.

A nationwide background check will be conducted utilizing JDP or a provider comparable to JDP in accessing background checks for sex offender registry data and other criminal records.

Little League Child Protection Program

FFYSA takes our responsibility to provide a safe environment free from sexual or other forms of child abuse very seriously. To that extent, FFYSA has adopted the Little League International policy for Child Protection and therefore all of our volunteers are mandated reporters. We believe this will help ensure not only a positive environment for our players but also a safe one free from abuse.

Adult/Role Model CODE OF CONDUCT

We are committed to providing all kids with the opportunity to participate and grow in a supportive and inclusive environment. Our goal is to balance talent across teams, ensuring that every child has a meaningful and rewarding experience. We prioritize creating a safe, both emotionally and physically, space where all athletes can thrive and reach their full potential. Parents play a vital role in encouraging, supporting, and helping us instill a love of the game in young children, fostering an environment where they can build confidence and develop a passion for the sport.

I therefore agree:

1. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, reinforcing that effort and learning are superior to winning.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

15. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Safety Equipment

First Aid Kit

Each team will be provided with a fully stocked first aid kit that shall be kept in the dugout for all games and practices. There will also be a first aid kit located within the concession stand.

AED

Each field will have an AED machine available for use in case of an emergency in the concession stand.

Player Equipment

Prior to the start of the season, the equipment manager will inspect all league owned equipment, replace worn out or cracked helmets. The Franklin County Parks and Recreation Department will inspect the field of play (fences, bleachers, dugouts, concessions, maintenance equipment, etc).

Required Player Equipment

Defense	Offense
Athletic Supporter and cup - all male players	Helmet - all batters, base runners, and players in coaches boxes
Catcher's Helmet, Mask, mitt, and equipment	Regulation-sized ball
Infield Softball Mask - 8 yrs old and up	Regulation-sized bat

Required Field Equipment

Bases - disengage from their anchors
Pitcher's plate
Home plate
Player benches behind protective fences
Protective backstop and sideline fences

Field/Park Inspection

FFYSA will partner with Frankfort City Parks and Recreation to ensure playing surfaces, fencing, etc. meets Little League safety standards.

Game Time Field Inspection

Prior to the start of games umpires will be responsible for conducting a field inspection and acknowledging it is safe to play.

Coach and League Official Quick Reference Guide

1. Emergency Contacts

- **Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Medical):** 911
- **Locate parent/guardian: REFERENCE YOUR ROSTER**
- **Local Hospital:** Frankfort Regional Medical Center 502-875-5240
- **Safety Coordinator:** Whitney Allison, 859-312-2210
- **Park and Recreation Manager:** Shawn Pickens,
- **Lost Child Contact:** Frankfort Police Department 502-875-8523

2. General Emergency Procedures

- **Stay Calm:** Keep yourself and others calm during an emergency.
- **Alert Authorities:** Always call 911 for any emergency requiring police, fire, or medical response.
- **Follow Staff Instructions:** Event staff will guide you to safety if necessary.
- **Evacuation Route:** Refer to the nearest exit signs and assembly points. ●
- **Designated Assembly Area:** Picnic Shelter

3. Specific Emergency Protocols

- **Medical Emergency**

- **Step 1:** Call 911, providing location details.
- **Step 2:** If trained, begin first aid or CPR until help arrives.
- **Step 3:** Alert park staff to provide immediate assistance.
- **Fire Emergency**
 - **Step 1:** Evacuate immediately via the nearest exit.
 - **Step 2:** Alert staff and call 911.
 - **Step 3:** Move to the designated assembly area.
- **Severe Weather (Thunderstorm, Tornado)**
 - **Step 1:** Seek shelter immediately (e.g., dugout, in a restroom or concrete structure, vehicle).
 - **Step 2:** Stay away from fencing, bleachers, open fields.
 - **Step 3:** Wait for an all-clear signal from staff or authorities before returning to the field.
- **Active Threat (e.g., Intruder)**
 - **Step 1:** Follow "Run, Hide, Fight" protocol.
 - **Step 2:** Alert authorities in concession area and event staff.
 - **Step 3:** Evacuate if safe; if not, find a secure hiding spot.
- **Lost Child**
 - **Step 1:** Alert park staff immediately.
 - **Step 2:** Provide a description (clothing, height, age) to staff or security.
 - **Step 3:** Do not leave the area until the child is found.

4. Important Locations

- **First Aid Kit:** [Location, e.g., Concession Stand]
- **AED (Automated External Defibrillator):** [Location, e.g., Near the entrance]
- **Emergency Exits:** [Map with highlighted emergency exits]
- **Evacuation Route:** [Designated escape route with clear signage]

5. Situational Tips

All events should be reported to your league coordinator who will guide the coach/witness through the completion of an [incident report](#) to be submitted to the league safety coordinator.

- **Cardiac Arrest**
 - Call 911 within 1 minute of collapse
 - Shock from AED within 3-5 minutes of collapse
 - Notify EMS of AED type, number, and exact location
- **Heat Illness**
 - Call 911
 - Know if any athlete has sickle cell trait

- Use natural cooling measures (shade, ice water, fans, mists)
- Stop all activity and play when the heat index is 104 or 92 Wet Globe Thermometer

- **Anaphylaxis**

- Call 911
- Know what food, sting, medication allergies players have
- Know where your player stores their epi-pen
- Administer emergency and give container to EMS

- **Asthma**

- Know if a player has asthma
- Know where their rescue inhaler is located
- Use as prescribed while locating parent/guardian

- **Lightning**

- Lead umpire on site will monitor weather conditions.
- After a strike or rumble count 30 seconds, if repeat is less the field should be cleared and seek shelter immediately.
- Flash-to bang count greater than 30 seconds postpone play for 30 minutes after visible lightning strike.
- Lead umpire and event staff will determine if the competition needs to be rescheduled.

6. Post-Emergency Protocol

- **Do Not Re-enter the Area:** Wait for confirmation from authorities before returning.
- **Check for Injuries:** Assist injured individuals only if it's safe to do so.
- **Gather at the Assembly Area:** Report to the assembly area for a headcount.

7. Volunteer Requirements

- All volunteers are required to complete the volunteer application process.
- Nationwide background check required
- Completion of Child Protection Plan program

8. Coaching Requirements

- In addition to the background check coaches shall:
 - Complete basic first aid and [concussion](#) training
 - Complete Abuse and Awareness training
 - Complete fundamental skill training
 - Possess knowledge of how to administer an emergency medication

9. Facility Maintenance

10. Concessions Stand Safety - NA Parks and Recreation will run

11. Equipment Safety

12. Umpire - Game Safety

- Prior to the start of each contest the umpire will walk the field and assess danger.
- Will have the Little League rulebook available for consultation.
- Will have the final