



**Northwest Youth Athletic Association**

# **2025 SAFETY PLAN**



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## I. OBJECTIVE

The Northwest Youth Athletic Association (NYAA) Safety Plan aims to minimize injury and loss of human life by training NYAA members, procuring and maintaining necessary equipment, assigning responsibilities, and providing quickly accessible critical in handling a medical emergency. This plan applies to all medical emergencies that are expected to occur at Northwest Youth Athletic Association. Additionally, this plan includes and satisfies all requirements of the Little League “A Safety Action Plan (ASAP)”.

## II. ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

### A. Northwest Safety Coordinator

The Northwest Safety Coordinator will manage the Emergency Action Plan for the Northwest Youth Athletic Association and will maintain all training records about this plan.

The Northwest Safety Coordinator will also coordinate with local public resources, such as fire department and emergency medical personnel, to ensure that they are prepared to respond as detailed in this plan. This includes allowing emergency responders to perform a walkthrough of the facility to familiarize themselves with the layout of the fields, structures, and any hazards they might encounter when responding to an emergency. Emergency-responder input will be incorporated into this Emergency Action Plan.

The Northwest Safety Coordinator/Officer information for the 2025 season can be found below:

Joe Comber

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Phone: (610) 973-4153

### B. Northwest Council

The Northwest Council will provide adequate controls and equipment that, when used properly, will minimize or eliminate the risk of injury to employees in an emergency. The Northwest Council will review this plan regularly to ensure proper adherence.

### C. Managers

Managers are responsible for complying with this plan and will be given the training described in the plan by the Northwest Safety Coordinator.



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## III. MEDICAL EMERGENCY

### A. Emergency Contact Numbers

**EMERGENCY (POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE) 911**

**POISON CONTROL CENTER 1-800-222-1222**

### B. Procedures

The following steps should be taken when responding to a medical emergency:

- **CALL 911 immediately if the condition is life-threatening** or requires immediate medical attention, making sure to provide as much pertinent information as possible including the name of the impacted person, symptoms, and location. Continue to care for the injured until care arrives. Appoint someone to go to the street and look for the emergency responders and flag them down if necessary. Remember, every minute counts.

**GIVE THE PHYSICAL LOCATION OF NORTHWEST TO THE 911 ATTENDANT:**

**1500 KAYWIN AVENUE  
BETHLEHEM, PA 18018**

- First Aid Kits are provided to all managers and are also mounted on the wall in the snack stand. An automated external defibrillator (AED) is located in the snack stand and indoor batting cage. Both are marked with signs above their location.
- Any Northwest Manager can provide basic First Aid and CPR/AED assistance.
- For minor injuries requiring First Aid, please see the Northwest Manager or the snack stand to obtain basic First Aid treatment.
- For any injury requiring medical assistance via ambulance or through a healthcare facility, the injury details and information must be provided to any member of the Northwest Youth Athletic Association Emergency Management Team.

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## IV. FIRE/EXPLOSIONS

### A. Emergency Contact Numbers

#### **EMERGENCY (POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE)**

**911**

### B. Procedures

The following steps should be taken when responding to a fire or explosion:

- **CALL 911 immediately if a fire event is observed**, making sure to provide as much pertinent information as possible including the type of fire (structural, automobile, wild), whether anyone is trapped, and the location. Appoint someone to go to the street and look for the emergency responders and flag them down if necessary. Remember, every minute counts.

#### **GIVE THE PHYSICAL LOCATION OF NORTHWEST TO THE 911 ATTENDANT:**

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- Under no circumstances will anyone attempt to fight a fire after it can no longer be put out with a fire extinguisher. This must be left to emergency services professionals (such as the fire department or emergency medical professionals) who have the necessary training, equipment, and experience to do so.
- If the fire is a structural fire in one of the Northwest Youth Athletic Association buildings, evacuate the building by crawling on your hands and knees to escape smoke-filled areas.
- Once evacuated, find a rallying point safely away from the fire and begin accounting for any players you are responsible for.
- For anyone requiring medical assistance please see the Medical Emergency/First Aid section of this plan.
- In the event of a fire or explosion, all details and information must be provided to any member of the Northwest Youth Athletic Association Emergency Management Team.

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## V. PHYSICAL VIOLENCE

### A. Emergency Contact Numbers

#### **EMERGENCY (POLICE/FIRE/AMBULANCE)**

**911**

### B. Procedures

The following steps should be taken when there is witness of physical violence, including physical assault, shoving, pushing, harassment, brandishing weapons, or threats from anyone on Northwest Youth Athletic Association property. Any incident should be taken seriously and reported. Appoint someone to go to the street and look for the emergency responders and flag them down if necessary. Remember, every minute counts.

- **CALL 911 immediately if there is a serious threat of harm.** making sure to provide as much pertinent information as possible including the type of incident, individuals involved, and the location.

#### **GIVE THE PHYSICAL LOCATION OF NORTHWEST TO THE 911 ATTENDANT:**

**1500 KAYWIN AVENUE  
BETHLEHEM, PA 18018**

- If safe to do so, clear opened areas and exit the premises immediately.
- If you cannot safely exit, evacuate only when law enforcement personnel have arrived and given the "ALL CLEAR". Do not interfere with law enforcement response, making sure both hands are visible, and that you are compliant with all instructions provided.
- Do not attempt to confront or apprehend the offender, unless this is a last resort.
- Any concerns regarding suspected physical violence may be reported to the Manager, the Northwest Safety Coordinator, or the Northwest Council.



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- In the event of a physical violence occurrence, all details and information must be provided to any member of the Northwest Youth Athletic Association Emergency Management Team.

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## VI. TRAINING

### A. Manager Training

All managers will receive instruction on this Emergency Action Plan upon entering the Northwest Youth Athletic Association. Additional training must be provided:

1. when there are any changes to the plan or facility;
2. when emergency action plan administrators' responsibilities change; and
3. annually, as refresher training.

Items for review during the training include:

1. basic first aid application;
2. medical emergency procedures;
3. location of the automated external defibrillator (AED);
4. training on the use of the automated external defibrillator (AED);
5. fire/explosion procedures;
6. fire extinguisher locations, usage, and limitations;
7. physical violence procedures;
8. names of Emergency Action Plan manager and coordinators;
9. individual responsibilities; and
10. Emergency Action Plan availability.

### B. Training Records

The Northwest Safety Coordinator will document all training about this plan and will maintain accurate and transparent records.

## VII. PLAN EVALUATION

This Emergency Action Plan must be reviewed annually, or as needed if changes to the Northwest Youth Athletic Association facilities are made, by the Northwest Safety Coordinator and the Northwest Council.









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## VIII. SITE MAP



KEY			
	FIRST AID		FIRE EXTINGUISHER
	FIELD EMERGENCY ACCESS		HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE





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## IX. VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

At Northwest Youth Athletic Association we take the safety of our players seriously and comply with all federal, state, and local volunteer requirements for anyone who volunteers in any format at Northwest and has repetitive access to or contact with players or teams.

Northwest is required to perform a background check through JDP by Little League International. All volunteers will be sent a special link to the JDP system where they can complete the online questionnaire for the background check. This process is free.

Additionally, Northwest ensures that all volunteers have completed and passed each of the following within the previous five years, as mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

Pennsylvania Child Abuse Clearance

(<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/ClearanceLearnMore>)

Pennsylvania Criminal Background Check

(<https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp>)

The Northwest Safety Coordinator/Officer is responsible for the volunteer application/background check process. Contact information for the Northwest Safety Coordinator/Officer for the 2025 season can be found below:

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## **X. FUNDAMENTALS TRAINING**

Northwest Youth Athletic Association provides inexperienced managers and coaches with an overview of fundamentals to be taught throughout the season. This includes a detailed practice-by-practice syllabus for all new tee-ball managers/coaches as well as pairing new managers in older divisions with experienced coaches to ensure the fundamentals of hitting, sliding, fielding, and pitching are understood and taught. Additionally, Northwest Youth Athletic Association holds evaluation sessions for all players in divisions other than tee-ball with all managers present. During these sessions, experienced Northwest Council members and other experienced volunteers are on hand to provide proper instruction and evaluation. Finally, Little League rule books and final instructions are provided by the player-agent for each division at the division draft.

Evaluation sessions for 2025 are:

Minor Boys Ages 7/8: 2/16/2025

Farm Boys Ages 9/10: 2/16/2025

Farm Girls Ages 9/10: 2/23/2025

Draft sessions for 2025 are:

Minor Boys: 2/16/2025

Farm Boys: 2/16/2025

Farm Girls: 2/24/2025

## **XI. FIRST AID TRAINING**

First aid fundamentals specific to baseball and softball are a requirement to be taken for at minimum, one manager or coach for each team. The following safety clinic is held on 3/19/2025 and is open to all volunteers outside of the required managers/coaches.

Northwest Safety Training

Located in the Northwest Indoor Batting Cage

7:00-8:30 PM

Schedule:

7:00-7:10 PM – Introduction

7:10-8:30 PM – Review of safety fundamentals, indicators of injury to watch for, application of first aid, safety plan, and training on the AED machine

## **XII. FIELD CONDITIONS**

Field conditions are to be checked before each practice or game by coaches and/or umpires to ensure safe playing conditions for all players.



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The following checklist should be performed when performing a field evaluation, followed by the responsible party to perform the associated action :

- Walked field for debris/foreign objects (at minimum one manager/coach/umpire)
- Make sure a first aid kit is available (at minimum one manager/coach)
- Checked conditions of fences, backstops, bases, and warning track (at minimum one manager/coach/umpire)
- Made sure a working telephone is available (at minimum one manager/coach)
- Held a warm-up drill (one manager/coach for each team)

Please use the following contact information for any issues found with any associated item:

Additionally, the following procedures should be used for inclement weather conditions:

Role	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Safety Coordinator	Joe Comber	(610) 973-4153	treasurer.nwathleticassociation@gmail.com
Equipment Coordinator	Jeff Wilner	(908) 420-2808	nwathleticassociation.president@gmail.com
Fields & Maintenance	Mike Dickey		dickey312@gmail.com
Fields & Maintenance	Josh Kametz		joshkametz@gmail.com
Facilities	Jim Koehler		nyaapa@gmail.com
Facilities	Jesse Chupella		jchupella@yahoo.com

- Check the weather forecast before leaving for a game or practice
- Watch for signs of an approaching storm
- Postpone outdoor activities if storms are imminent
- Take caution when you hear thunder. If you hear thunder, you are close enough to get struck by lightning. Move to a safe environment immediately – do NOT go under a tree or stay in the dugout.
- If lightning is occurring and there is no sturdy shelter nearby, get inside a hard-top automobile with the windows up. Stay away from water, metal pipes, and telephone lines.
- If caught outdoors and no shelter exists, find a low spot away from trees, fences, light poles, and flagpoles. Make sure the site you pick is not prone to flooding.

## XIII. CONCESSION STAND SAFETY

All new concession stand workers are provided an overview of the stand and cooking instructions at the beginning of each shift. In addition, signs advocating hand washing are posted on the concession stand and in all bathrooms.

As part of the COVID measures taken at Northwest, personnel working in the snack stand will be designated to specific posts throughout their shift, including one person working the register and taking




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money, one person cooking the food, and one person handing the food out. This will minimize the amount of people interacting with the customer. All personnel are required to wash their hands upon entry, and any time after re-entering the snack stand.


## Volunteers Must Wash Hands

### HOW


**Wet**  
warm water




**Wash**  
20 seconds  
Use soap




**Rinse**



**Dry**  
Use single-service paper towels



**Gloves**



### WHEN

**Wash your hands before you prepare food or as often as needed.**

**Wash after you:**

- ▶ use the toilet
- ▶ touch uncooked meat, poultry, fish or eggs or other potentially hazardous foods
- ▶ interrupt working with food (such as answering the phone, opening a door or drawer)
- ▶ eat, smoke or chew gum
- ▶ touch soiled plates, utensils or equipment
- ▶ take out trash
- ▶ touch your nose, mouth, or any part of your body
- ▶ sneeze or cough

**Do not touch ready-to-eat foods with your bare hands.**

Use gloves, tongs, deli tissue or other serving utensils.  
Remove all jewelry, nail polish or false nails unless you wear gloves.

**Wear gloves.**

when you have a cut or sore on your hand  
when you can't remove your jewelry


**If you wear gloves:**

- ▶ wash your hands before you put on new gloves

**Change them:**

- ▶ as often as you wash your hands
- ▶ when they are torn or soiled

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## XIV. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION



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Equipment conditions are to be checked before each practice or game by coaches and/or umpires to ensure safe playing conditions for all players.

The following checklist should be performed when performing an equipment evaluation:

- Be sure all equipment is Little League-approved
- Inspect all bats, helmets, catching gear, and other equipment, disposing of unsafe equipment properly
- Have all players remove all personal jewelry
- Parents are encouraged to provide safety glasses for players who wear glasses
- Repair or replace defective equipment

Please use the following contact information for any issues found with equipment provided to the teams by Northwest:

Role	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Equipment Coordinator	Jeff Wilner	(908) 420-2808	nwathleticassociation.president@gmail.com

## XV. ACCIDENT REPORTING

The National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA (NUFIC) Accident Master Policy acquired through Little League contains an “Excess Coverage Provision” whereby all personal and/or group shall be used first. If injuries occur, initially is necessary to determine whether the claimant’s parents/guardians or the claimant has other insurance such as group, employer, etc., which pays benefits. If such coverage is provided, the claim must be filed first with the primary company under which the parent/guardian or claimant is insured.

When filing a claim, all medical costs should be fully itemized and forwarded to Little League International. If no other insurance is in effect, a letter from the parent/guardian or claimant’s employer explaining the lack of group or employer insurance should accompany the claim form.

For any injuries that occur at Northwest and require medical treatment at a healthcare facility, the Little League Baseball and Softball Accident Notification Form must be completed by the parents of the injured player within 72 hours of the injury occurring and provided to the Northwest Safety Coordinator to complete.

Please use the following contact information to help complete the form:

Role	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Safety Coordinator	Joe Comber	(610) 973-4153	treasurer.nwathleticassociation@gmail.com



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The Little League Baseball and Softball Accident Notification Form can be found on the Little League website at the following location: <https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/accident-claim-form/>.

## PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PREPARING CLAIM FORM

- Print or type all information.
- Complete Part 1 and have the Northwest Safety Coordinator complete Part 2.
- The adult claimant or parent(s)/guardian(s) must sign Part 1.
- Give the name and address of the injured person, along with the name and address of the parent(s)/guardian(s), if the claimant is a minor.
- Fill out all sections, including check marks in the appropriate boxes for all categories.
- It is mandatory to forward information on other insurance. If there is no insurance, written verification from each parent/spouse's employer must be submitted.
- Ensure all necessary papers are attached to the claim form. Only itemized bills are acceptable.
- On dental claims, it is necessary to submit charges to the major medical and dental insurance company of the claimant, or parent(s)/guardian(s) if the claimant is a minor. "Accident-related treatment to whole, sound, natural teeth as a direct and independent result of an accident" must be stated on the form and bills. Please forward a copy of the insurance company's response to Little League International. Include the claimant's name, league ID, and year of the injury on the form.

## XVI. FIRST AID KITS

Northwest Youth Athletic Association provides each team with their first aid kit. Each kit includes at minimum:

- Instant cold packs
- Bandages (various sizes)
- Sterile dressings (various sizes)
- Athletic tape
- Antiseptic wipes
- Latex Gloves

If managers/coaches use any first aid supplies, please contact the Northwest Safety Coordinator for an immediate replacement to ensure the first aid kit is fully supplied before the next time the team practices or plays.

Please use the following contact information to obtain additional first aid supplies:

Role	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Safety Coordinator	Joe Comber	(610) 973-4153	treasurer.nwathleticassociation@gmail.com





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In addition to the first aid kits supplied to each team, the Northwest concession stand, and the indoor Northwest batting cages contain a comprehensive first aid kit.

Northwest Youth Athletic Association also understands the importance and life-saving capabilities of having an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) on-site and therefore has purchased an AED device, which is stored directly inside the concession stand main entrance door. The door is also marked with an AED sign and sticker advising the location of the device. All managers are given keys to the door and can access the AED should the concession stand not be open.

**For steps on how to use the Northwest Youth Athletic Association AED device, please see section XVII.**

## **XVII. AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

Northwest Youth Athletic Association has purchased two Cardiac Science G5 AEDs. One is housed directly inside the main entrance of the concession stand. The other is directly inside the indoor batting cage entrance. For direct training, please contact the Northwest Safety Coordinator, using the contact information below:

Role	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Safety Coordinator	Joe Comber	(610) 973-4153	treasurer.nwathleticassociation@gmail.com

Please familiarize yourself with the following steps as provided by Cardiac Science for proper use of the AED device.



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## 1: Assess the patient

Determine that the patient is more than 8 years of age or weighs more than 25 kg (55 lbs) and is both:

- ◆ Unresponsive
- ◆ Not breathing or not breathing normally

DO NOT delay therapy to determine the patient's exact age or weight.

### CALL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES!

**Note:** When the patient is 8 years of age or younger or weighs 25 kg (55 lbs) or less, use the AED with pediatric defibrillation pads, if available. See the directions for use accompanying pediatric pads to replace preinstalled pads with pediatric pads.



## 2: Prepare the patient

1. Place the AED next to the patient.

**Note:** The normal use for the AED is with it lying horizontally.

2. Open the AED lid.
3. Remove clothing from the patient's chest.
4. Ensure that the patient's skin is clean and dry.
5. Dry the patient's chest and shave excessive hair if necessary.



## 3: Place pads

When the AED prompts...	Do this...
"Tear open white package across dotted line and remove pads."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Keeping the pads connected to the AED, tear open the package.</li> <li>2. Remove the pads from the package. You can leave the package attached to the pad wires.</li> </ol>
"Peel one of the white pads completely from blue plastic."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. With a firm, steady pull, peel one pad away from the blue plastic liner. You can use either pad.</li> </ol>
"Firmly place the pad without the blue plastic on patient's bare chest, exactly as shown on pads."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Place the pad in either location on the chest.</li> </ol>
"Next, peel second white pad from the blue plastic. Firmly place the second pad on the other location exactly as shown on pads."	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Pull the blue plastic from the second pad.</li> <li>6. Place the pad on the other location on the chest.</li> </ol>
<b>Note:</b> Cardiac Science's standard defibrillation pads are non-polarized and can be placed in either position as shown on the pad package. The package itself can be left attached to the defibrillation pads wires.	





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## 4: Analyze the ECG

When the AED prompts...	Do this...
"Do not touch the patient! Analyzing heart rhythm. Please wait."	1. Do not touch the patient. 2. Wait for the next prompt.
The AED begins analyzing the cardiac rhythm of the patient.	



During the analysis phase, you may hear one or more of these prompts:

If the AED prompts...	This is the problem...	Do this...
"Open lid to continue rescue"	The lid of the AED is closed.	Ensure that the lid is fully open.
"Press pads firmly to patient's bare chest"	The pads are not properly placed or are loose.	Ensure that pads are firmly placed on clean, dry skin.
"Make sure pad connector is plugged into AED"	The pads are disconnected from the AED.	Ensure that the connector is plugged properly into the AED.
"Analysis interrupted. Stop patient motion." The AED restarts the analysis.	The patient is excessively jostled or there is strong electromagnetic emitting equipment nearby (within 2 meters).	Remove the electronic device or stop the excessive motion.

## 5: Deliver a shock

When the AED prompts...	Do this...
"Shock advised. Do not touch the patient"	Ensure that no one is touching the patient.
<b>Automatic model:</b> "Shock will be delivered in 3, 2, 1." The AED delivers the defibrillation shock automatically.	<b>Automatic model:</b> Ensure that no one is touching the patient.
<b>Semi-automatic model:</b> When the AED is ready to deliver a defibrillation shock, the Shock button flashes. "Press red flashing button to deliver shock."	<b>Semi-automatic model:</b> Press the Shock button. If you do not press the Shock button within 30 seconds of hearing the prompt, the AED disarms the charge and prompts you to start CPR.
After the AED delivers the defibrillation shock: "Shock delivered."	Wait for the next prompt.
"It is now safe to touch the patient. Give CPR as instructed"	Begin CPR.



When the AED is charged, it continues to analyze the patient's heart rhythm. If the rhythm changes and a shock is no longer needed, the AED prompts, "Rhythm Changed. Shock Cancelled."



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## XVIII. ENFORCEMENT OF LITTLE LEAGUE RULES/CODE OF CONDUCT

Northwest Youth Athletic Association abides by all Little League safety rules, which shall be a top priority for all managers/coaches of the league. These rules must be enforced at all games as well as all practices. In addition to the rules found within the Northwest Youth Athletic Association Safety Plan, all managers, coaches, and parents must sign and abide by the following Code of Conduct – which must be completed at the time of registration.

### Northwest Youth Athletic Association Parent Code of Conduct

We, the Northwest Youth Athletic Association Little League, have implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

#### ***Preamble***

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness,
- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Fairness,
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

#### ***I therefore agree:***

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
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 praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.

12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

13. 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.

14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

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Parent/Guardian (Print)

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date

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## **XIX. COVID GUIDELINES**

As Northwest baseball and softball resumes everyone must understand and adhere to the rules and guidelines implemented at Northwest in response to COVID-19. The guidelines can always be found on the Northwest Little League website at: [www.northwestlittleleague.com/covid-19-guidelines](http://www.northwestlittleleague.com/covid-19-guidelines), as well as below. These best practices have been compiled from resources from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as guidance from Little League International, the state of Pennsylvania, and the city of Bethlehem.

**Please note – these rules are not optional.**

**Anyone found not following the rules may be asked to leave the complex.**

### ***GENERAL HEALTH***

Anyone planning to enter the complex should refrain from doing so if they are feeling unwell. In the event any of the following conditions are met, the person shall not enter the complex until evaluated by a medical provider and given clearance to do so:

- Active COVID-19 infection
- Known direct contact with an individual testing positive for COVID-19
- Fever
- Cough

**As guidance changes frequently, please find all current COVID requirements on the Northwest website at [www.northwestlittleleague.com/covid-19-guidelines](http://www.northwestlittleleague.com/covid-19-guidelines).**