

Brookline Youth Baseball Little League Safety Plan 2025

1. **League Safety Officer:** Adam Doctoroff, who is on file with Little League Headquarters.
2. **Safety Plan:** Brookline Youth Baseball distributes a print and an electronic copy of the Safety Plan to all volunteers, coaches and Board members. The safety plan is also posted on the Brookline Youth Baseball website: <https://www.brooklineyouthbaseball.com>.

3. Emergency Phone Numbers:

Emergency Phone Number: 911
Brookline Police: (non-emergency) (617) 730-2222
Brookline Fire: (non-emergency) (617) 730-2260
League President: Jon Miller (646)-831-6113
League Safety Officer: Adam Doctoroff (617) 306-9370
League Secretary: Kristina Yee (617)-733-2160
League Player Agent: George Anastopoulos (617) 304-3981
Vice President, Fields: Ann Thanawastien (617)-935-2980
Head of Umpires: Duke Vo (617)-838-8267

If a player is injured during a BYB event the manager/coach/volunteer in charge will alert the player's parent or guardian and the President and Safety Officer.

4. Little League Child Protection Program:

- a. **Little League Volunteer Application Form:** As of April 2017 all coaches and volunteers are required to complete a Little League Volunteer Application form to conduct annual background checks through J.D. Palatine (JDP) through the Sports Connect Integration to prevent anyone with offenses that would disqualify them as a participant in any Little League Activity. Massachusetts requires all volunteers to submit to a Criminal Offenders Record Information (CORI) check each year, and BYB complies with this requirement as well.
 - b. **Mandatory Training and Continuing Education:** Annually, all volunteers will complete the Little League Abuse Training.
 - c. **Mandatory Reporting Requirements:** BYB shall comply with mandatory reporting requirements.
 - d. **Non-Retaliation for Reporting:** BYB has adopted a policy that prohibits retaliation against "good faith" reports of child-abuse.
 - e. **Prohibit One-on-One Interactions:** BYB has adopted a policy that limits one-on-one contact with minors without being an observable and interruptible distance from another adult.
 - f. **Ongoing Education:** BYB will provide ongoing education to its volunteers beyond the minimal required training. The program will keep parents, volunteers and players informed on all aspects of player protection.
5. **Fundamentals Training:** The Baseball Fundamental Clinic (Coaches Clinic) will be held at BHS Tappan Gym in March 2025, with training delivered by BYB Coach John Bucci and other BYB officials. At least one coach or manager from each team shall attend.
 6. **First Aid Training:** BYB requires first aid training for its coaches and managers, and requires that at least one coach or manager from each team shall attend.
 7. **First Aid Kits:** Each coach will carry a first aid kit and instant cold packs in their equipment bag. First aid kits and instant cold packs will also be kept in the storage bins at Eliot, Amory, Robinson, Larz Anderson, Pierce, Cypress, Lawrence, Pine Manor and Downes Fields. Coaches should check before each BYB event to ensure that they have a first aid kit and instant cold packs. Coaches who require new first aid kits or instant cold packs should contact the Vice President of Equipment Tim Niu equipment@brooklineyouthbaseball.org.

8. **Field Inspections:** BYB requires that all coaches and umpires walk the field for hazards before games and practices. Hazards must be addressed before an event may begin. Field Issues Should be reported to V.P. Fields, Ann Thanawastein.
9. **Concession Stands:** BYB does not have or maintain any concession stands.
10. **Equipment Inspection:** All coaches will inspect league provided equipment before and after each BYB event. Damaged or missing equipment will be reported to V.P. Equipment, Tim Niu, for replacement. Coaches will ensure that all bats, regardless of ownership, used in a BYB game or practice will comply with Little League standards. No player will be allowed to bat with a damaged or ill-fitting batting helmet. Players are encouraged to provide their own batting helmets and BYB will provide each individual who so requires his/her own helmet for the season. No player will be allowed to play the position of catcher with damaged or ill-fitting catcher's gear, including shin guards, catcher's helmet/mask (with a throat protector), and chest protector, regardless of who owns the equipment.
11. **Accident Reporting:** All accidents involving coaches and players will be recorded and reported to the league Safety Officer. Coaches who need accident report forms should request them from the league Safety Officer.
12. **Enforce Little League Rules:** BYB shall enforce all Little League Rules at all practices and games. At all games and practices players will have the required equipment, including catchers warming up pitchers between innings. All games and practices will be conducted with bases that disengage from anchors. Safety bases will be used at first base for all leagues below the Majors division. Per local and Little League rules, coaches are not allowed to catch pitchers (Rule 3.09); this includes standing at backstop during practice as informal catcher for batting practice. All BYB coaches will be provided with a copy of the local league rules and policies (also posted on the BYB website) and the 2019 edition of the Little League Rulebook, and when appropriate the 2019 Little League Challenger Division Rulebook.
13. **League Registration:** has been submitted to Little League.