



CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL 2026 SAFE SUMMARY

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Dear Volunteers, Parents, Guardians, and Players,

At Cliffside Park/Fairview Little League, safety is not simply a policy; it is a promise. It is the foundation that allows our children to step onto the field with confidence, our volunteers to lead with purpose, and our families to cheer with peace of mind.

We are committed to creating a welcoming environment where every player feels valued, every volunteer feels prepared, and every family feels supported. Through our participation in Little League SAFE, we actively uphold strong child-protection standards, thorough volunteer screening and training, detailed emergency planning, routine equipment inspections, and ongoing facility safety reviews. These measures are not just requirements; they are reflections of who we are as a community.

Baseball and softball teach more than skills; they teach trust, teamwork, and resilience. By working together and sharing responsibility for safety, we ensure that our fields remain places where children can grow, compete, and create lasting memories in a secure and positive environment.

Thank you for standing with us, for putting our kids first, and for helping us make this season not only successful, but safe, meaningful, and unforgettable.

With gratitude,

Cliffside Park/Fairview Little League

Board of Directors

LEAGUE LEADERSHIP AND CONTACTS

Keeping contact information up to date helps volunteers know exactly who to reach when questions or safety concerns arise.

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Best Practice: Share a simple "Who to Contact" list with managers, coaches, and volunteers so everyone knows where to go for help during the season.

CHILD PROTECTION

Little League requires every chartered league to follow a set of core child protection policies to help keep children safe. Protecting players is our highest priority, and these policies ensure volunteers understand their responsibilities both on and off the field.

Your league has confirmed that all of the following policies are in place:

1. Annual Background Checks

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL confirms that all volunteers with regular contact with players complete annual background checks through J.D. Palatine (JDP), as required by Little League Regulation I(c) 8 and 9. Anyone with a disqualifying offense is prohibited from participating in any Little League activity. Background check laws vary across the country, and any additional requirements that apply to your league can be found at <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-laws-background-checks-leagues/>. Your league is responsible for understanding and complying with any applicable state laws regarding background checks.

2. Annual Abuse Awareness Training

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL requires all volunteers to complete the Little League Abuse Awareness Training each year before assuming any duties. This training helps volunteers recognize, prevent, and respond to misconduct and abuse. Little League Abuse Awareness Training can be found at <https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>

3. Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL acknowledges that all volunteers are mandatory reporters under federal law and must report suspected child abuse, including sexual abuse, to the proper authorities within 24 hours. Reports should also be shared with the League President and District Administrator. State reporting requirements vary, and any laws that apply to your league can be found at <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-specific-information-child-abuse/>. Your league is responsible for understanding and complying with any applicable state laws.

4. Non-Retaliation Policy

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL has adopted a policy that prohibits retaliation against anyone who makes a good-faith report of suspected abuse or misconduct. This ensures volunteers feel safe coming forward with concerns.

5. One-on-One Interaction Policy

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL has adopted the Little League One-on-One Interaction Policy, which requires that all interactions between adults and minors be observable and interruptible by another adult. This reduces opportunities for misconduct while still supporting positive mentoring relationships.

Best Practice: Reinforce child protection expectations clearly and consistently so volunteers know what to do and who to contact.

- Review expectations with all volunteers at the start of each season.
- Make reporting steps clear and easy to follow.
- Keep child protection policies easily accessible.

Additional information provided by your league:

Our league believes child protection is not a checklist, but a culture. While we fully comply with all Little League requirements, we intentionally go beyond the minimum standards to create an environment rooted in accountability, transparency, and proactive care. In addition to mandated background checks and safety plans, we implement structured communication protocols, require annual refresher discussions on child protection expectations, reinforce a strict two adult presence standard whenever possible, and maintain clear reporting pathways so concerns can be raised without hesitation or fear of retaliation. We emphasize ongoing education for coaches and volunteers around respectful conduct, situational awareness, and recognizing early warning signs of misconduct. Our board also conducts routine reviews of policies and facilities to identify areas for improvement before issues arise. Most importantly, we foster a culture where children are heard, parents are informed, and safety conversations are welcomed, not avoided. Protecting our players is not simply about compliance; it is about stewardship, trust, and honoring the responsibility entrusted to us by every family in our community.

Child Protection Resources:

- Little League Abuse Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>)
- Full Little League Child Protection Program (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/>)
- State-Specific Background Check Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-laws-background-checks-leagues/>)
- State - Specific Mandatory Reporting Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-specific-information-child-abuse/>)
- J.D.Palatine(JDP) Background Checks (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/local-league-background-check-information/>)
- USA Baseball – Abuse Awareness Resources (<https://usabdevelops.com/page/4834/base>)
- U.S.Center for SafeSport – Reporting and Education (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/safesport-resources-parents/>)
- ChildHelp National Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-4-A-CHILD)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Being prepared for unexpected situations helps keep players, volunteers, and families safe. The information below highlights the emergency procedures and contacts in place during all league activities.

Emergency Contacts

- In any emergency situation, volunteers should immediately **call 911**
- Poison Control is also available nationwide at **1-800-222-1222**

Emergency Action Plan

Emergencies can happen when you least expect them. A clear and accessible EAP helps volunteers respond quickly, communicate effectively, and take the right steps to keep players and families safe.

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL has an Emergency Action Plan in place. Regularly reviewing this plan with volunteers and players helps ensure everyone knows how to respond quickly and confidently during an emergency.

Additional information provided by your league:

Our league approaches emergency preparedness with the understanding that moments of crisis demand clarity, leadership, and preparation long before an incident ever occurs. While we fully comply with Little League's required safety plans, we have established additional measures designed to protect our players, families, and volunteers with intentional foresight.

Beyond the minimum standards, we maintain clearly documented weather protocols that define lightning thresholds, heat index guidelines, and mandatory suspension timelines to remove subjectivity from safety decisions. We have mapped evacuation routes for each field and facility, ensuring coaches and volunteers understand where to direct players and spectators during severe weather or other emergencies. Our communication tree is structured to allow rapid notification through multiple channels, field announcements, direct coach outreach, and coordinated messaging to families, so information moves quickly and accurately.

We also maintain accessible AED units with clearly posted locations, and key volunteers are trained in CPR and AED response. Emergency contact binders and digital records are readily available at each field to ensure first responders receive accurate information without delay. Every incident, regardless of severity, is formally documented and reviewed by the board to identify trends and continuous improvement opportunities. Additionally, we coordinate with local EMS and parks departments to confirm field access points, emergency vehicle entry routes, and seasonal readiness.

Preparedness is not about reacting well; it is about preparing responsibly. Our goal is to ensure that if an emergency ever occurs, our response reflects calm leadership, structured planning, and an unwavering commitment to protecting every child entrusted to our care.

Emergency Preparedness Resources:

- Little League Lightning & Severe Weather Safety Guidelines (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/staying-safe-from-lightning-at-the-field/>)

FIRST AID & INJURY PREVENTION

A prepared volunteer is better equipped to respond when injuries or medical situations occur. Below is an overview of the first aid training, equipment, and safety practices in place for the season.

First Aid Training

First aid training helps volunteers respond effectively when injuries or emergencies happen. These trainings reinforce skills such as:

- Treating minor injuries
- Managing bleeding and nosebleeds
- Recognizing potential fractures or serious injuries
- Identifying head-injury symptoms
- Responding to heat-related illness
- Treating allergic reactions
- Knowing when to call 911

First aid training requirements for CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL:

- Little League First Aid Awareness Training: **Required**
- Formal First Aid Certification: **Required**
- CPR Certification and AED Use Training: **Required**

First Aid Kits

Accessible first aid supplies help volunteers respond quickly when an injury occurs. Keeping first aid kits stocked and easy to reach helps volunteers respond quickly during games and practices. Every team in CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL has a first aid kit available at games and practices.

Recommended First Aid Kit Contents:

- Adhesive bandages (various sizes)
- Sterile gauze pads and rolled gauze
- Antiseptic wipes
- Instant cold packs
- Elastic wraps
- Tweezers and disposable gloves
- Nosebleed supplies (gauze, tissues)
- Small splint or finger splint
- CPR mask or face shield
- Allergy/sting relief wipes
- Cold Packs
- Tape and scissors

Best Practice: Each team should receive its first aid kit at the start of the season. First aid kits should travel with the team and be kept in an easy-to-reach spot during both games and practices.

Concussion Awareness

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL has confirmed that it follows required concussion training and has a protocol in place for recognizing and responding to potential head injuries during practices and games. Little League encourages all volunteers to follow the "When in doubt, sit them out" approach so players are removed from play immediately if a concussion is suspected.

Common signs and symptoms of a possible concussion include:

- Headache or pressure in the head
- Dizziness or balance problems
- Confusion, memory issues, or appearing "out of it"
- Nausea or vomiting
- Blurred vision or sensitivity to light or noise
- Behavior that seems unusual for the player

State concussion laws vary across the country. Some apply only to school athletics, while others apply to all youth sports organizations. State-specific information can be found at: <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/concussions-youth-athletes/>. Your league is responsible for understanding and complying with any applicable state laws.

Best Practice: If a concussion is suspected, volunteers should follow these steps:

- Remove the player from play immediately
- Ensure the player is monitored by an adult
- Refer the player to a licensed health care professional for evaluation
- Do not allow return to play on the same day
- Require written medical clearance before the player resumes practices or games

Access to Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

AEDs can play a lifesaving role during sudden cardiac emergencies, and clear access helps volunteers respond quickly when every second matters.

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL has reported that it has AEDs available at all league facilities.

Best Practice: AEDs are most effective when:

- Volunteers know the exact location of each device
- Devices are accessible during practices and games
- Batteries and pads are checked and replaced as needed
- Multiple volunteers are trained in basic AED use

State laws addressing AED access and sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) training can vary across the country. Some requirements apply only to school facilities or interscholastic athletics, while others extend to youth sports organizations or municipal fields. State-specific requirements for AEDs can be found at: <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/state-laws-on-automated-external-defibrillators/>

State specific requirements for SCA training can be found at: <https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/state-laws-on-sudden-cardiac-arrest-training/>.

Your league is responsible for understanding and complying with any applicable state laws.

Additional information provided by your league:

Our league views first aid readiness as an essential expression of our responsibility to protect every child who steps onto our fields. While we meet all Little League requirements, we intentionally go beyond the minimum to ensure we are prepared, equipped, and confident in our response to any medical situation.

Each field is supplied with expanded first aid kits that go beyond basic bandages and ice packs. Our kits include trauma supplies, instant cold compresses, splints, antiseptics, hydration support materials, and emergency reference guides. Inventory checks are conducted on a scheduled basis throughout the season, with clear restocking procedures to ensure supplies are never depleted during critical moments.

AED units are strategically located with visible signage, and multiple board members and coaches are CPR/AED certified. We designate trained responders at games and practices whenever possible to ensure immediate, organized action if an incident occurs. Concussion awareness is taken seriously; we follow a strict “when in doubt, sit them out” protocol, require medical clearance before return to play, and educate coaches and parents on recognizing early warning signs.

Hydration and heat illness prevention are also prioritized. We implement structured water breaks during practices and games, monitor heat index levels, and adjust or suspend activities when conditions warrant. Shade access and cooling considerations are incorporated into scheduling and field setup.

In the event of a medical emergency, we maintain clear communication procedures, including immediate EMS activation protocols, accessible emergency contact information, and post-incident documentation and review. Our board evaluates any medical event not just to record it, but to learn from it and strengthen our preparedness moving forward.

First aid readiness is not simply about having supplies; it is about fostering a culture of vigilance, training, and proactive care. Our commitment is simple: every child deserves to play in an environment where their health and well-being are safeguarded with intention, preparation, and compassion.

First Aid & Injury Prevention Resources:

- First Aid Kit Checklist (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/first-aid-kits-an-items-list/>)
- Little League First Aid Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/first-aid-awareness-training-course/>)
- CDC Heads Up – Concussion Resources (<https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/>)
- State-Specific Concussion Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/concussions-youth-athletes/>)
- State-Specific AED Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/state-laws-on-automated-external-defibrillators/>)
- State-Specific SCA Training Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/state-laws-on-sudden-cardiac-arrest-training/>)

EQUIPMENT SAFETY

Safe, well-maintained equipment helps prevent injuries and supports a positive playing experience. The information below reflects how playing equipment is inspected and monitored throughout the season.

Batting Helmets

All batting helmets must be NOCSAE-certified and free of cracks, dents, or deteriorating padding.

- Helmets are inspected at the start of the season and as needed
- Damaged or ill-fitting helmets are removed from use immediately
- Non-OEM (non-manufacturer) modifications are prohibited
- Properly fitted, undamaged helmets play an important role in preventing head injuries

Catcher's Gear

Catcher's equipment must be complete, well-maintained, and properly fitted for each player. A full set includes:

- Helmet with full face mask
- Dangling throat guard (required)
- Chest protector
- Leg guards

Equipment Inspections

At CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL, league safety officer carry out regular equipment inspections throughout the season. These checks help identify items that should be repaired or removed from use.

- Unsafe or excessively worn equipment should be removed immediately
- Routine inspections help ensure players are always using equipment that will keep them safe from injury

Best Practice: Teach players to do quick self-checks of their helmets and gear before practices and games. Helping players look for cracks, loose padding, or missing pieces builds good habits and supports a shared culture of safety.

Additional information provided by your league:

Our league views equipment safety as a critical extension of player protection, not simply a pre-season task. While we fully comply with Little League equipment standards, we take additional proactive steps to ensure that every helmet, bat, catcher's set, and field component meets both safety expectations and our own internal standards of care.

Before each season begins, we conduct structured inspections of all league-issued equipment, verifying certification marks, checking for cracks, loose hardware, worn padding, and structural fatigue. Helmets are individually reviewed for NOCSAE compliance and internal padding integrity. Catcher's gear is evaluated for strap strength, mask integrity, and proper fit. Any item that shows signs of wear beyond safe tolerance is immediately removed from circulation and replaced.

Throughout the season, coaches are instructed to perform routine visual checks before practices and games, and players are encouraged to report discomfort, loose fittings, or visible damage without hesitation. We maintain a documented inventory log to track equipment age and replacement cycles, ensuring that gear is rotated and upgraded proactively rather than reactively.

We also emphasize proper fit and usage. Volunteers assist younger players with helmet sizing, chin strap adjustments, and catcher's gear setup to prevent preventable injuries. Bat safety guidelines are reinforced, including approved bat lists, proper storage, and supervision during on-deck activities.

Field equipment is equally monitored. Bases are inspected for secure anchoring, pitching mounds and batter's boxes are evaluated for tripping hazards, and fencing and dugout areas are reviewed regularly for structural stability.

Ultimately, equipment safety is about more than compliance; it is about stewardship. Every piece of gear represents a child's trust in us. By combining routine inspections, documented processes, and a culture that prioritizes reporting and prevention, we ensure that our players step onto the field with confidence, protected not only by rules but by intentional care and vigilance.

Equipment Safety Resources:

- Equipment and Facility Check-Ups (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/make-regular-equipment-facility-check-ups-a-year-round-endeavor-for-your-league-or-district/>)

FACILITY SAFETY

Safe, well-maintained facilities help create a positive experience for players, families, and volunteers. Your league has shared the steps it takes to help keep playing conditions safe throughout the season.

Seasonal Facility Inspection

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL completes a thorough review of all fields and facilities at the beginning and end of each season. This inspection helps the league:

- Identify needed repairs
- Document safety concerns
- Plan for maintenance or improvements
- Confirm that fields and common areas are ready for use

Ongoing Facility Checks

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL conducts regular in-season checks to help ensure facilities remain safe and ready for play. These checks typically look for:

- Loose or damaged fencing
- Worn or broken bases
- Slick, uneven, or poorly drained surfaces
- Broken or unstable bleachers
- Lighting or electrical concerns
- Hazards in dugouts, walkways, or spectator areas

Field Safety

Before every game and practice, fields and dugouts should be reviewed to ensure safe playing conditions. These quick checks help volunteers:

- Spot hazards early
- Prevent injuries
- Address small issues before they become larger concerns
- Confirm that field equipment, playing surfaces, and dugout areas are safe and ready for use

At CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL, coach or manager carry out field and dugout safety checks before games and practices.

Annual Little League Facility Survey

Each year, leagues complete the Little League Annual Facility Survey, which records the condition of each field, identifies maintenance or safety needs, and documents key details about layout, features, and emergency equipment.

A report generated from CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL's completed facility survey is included with this SAFE Summary.

Best Practice: Create a simple, shared inspection checklist for coaches and volunteers to use before games and practices. Consistent use of the same checklist helps ensure issues are spotted early and reported quickly.

Additional information provided by your league:

Our league treats field and facility safety as a living responsibility, not a one-time checklist. While we fully comply with all Little League requirements, we go further by implementing structured inspections, proactive maintenance routines, and clear accountability processes to ensure our environment remains safe throughout the entire season.

Before practices and games, designated volunteers conduct routine walk-through inspections of the fields and surrounding facilities. This includes checking for uneven playing surfaces, debris, exposed sprinkler heads, loose fencing, unstable bases, and dugout hazards. Any issue identified is documented and addressed immediately, or the field is taken out of use until corrected. We also maintain open communication with our local parks department to coordinate timely repairs and seasonal readiness reviews.

Lighting safety is carefully managed. We evaluate visibility conditions during evening activities, ensure proper field illumination before play begins, and suspend activity if lighting becomes inadequate. Spectator and parking controls are also part of our safety planning. We reinforce clear walkways, restrict access to playing areas, and promote safe traffic flow around field entrances to reduce congestion and risk to players and families.

Within the dugouts, we enforce structured safety rules, including bat control policies, helmet storage guidelines, and equipment organization standards to prevent tripping or accidental injuries. Only rostered players and authorized coaches are permitted in dugout areas to maintain supervision and reduce unnecessary risk.

We also maintain a clear hazard reporting process. Parents, coaches, and volunteers are encouraged to report concerns immediately, and the board reviews recurring issues to identify long-term improvements. Every incident or near-miss is viewed as an opportunity to strengthen our safeguards.

For us, facility safety is about foresight, discipline, and shared responsibility. Our goal is simple: to ensure that every child, family member, and volunteer experiences a well-maintained, secure environment where the focus remains on growth, teamwork, and the joy of the game, not preventable risk.

For more information about facility safety at CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL, or to report a concern, please contact: League Safety Officer

Facility Safety Resources:

- Day to Day Safety Checklist (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/the-safest-little-league-experience-comes-from-doing-common-tasks/>)
- Pre-Season Facility Checkup (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/conduct-a-facilities-safety-check-before-the-season-starts/>)

CONCESSION STAND SAFETY

Concession stands add to the game day experience, but they also involve equipment, heat sources, and food handling, all of which require clear safety procedures. The information below summarizes how CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL helps maintain a safe concession operation throughout the season.

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL has confirmed that its concession stand(s):

- Follow all applicable local health and safety regulations
- Provide volunteers with guidance in safe food handling and equipment use
- Maintain a working fire extinguisher that is readily available
- Keep first aid supplies in the concession stand
- Do not allow minors to work in or remain inside the concession stand during operating hours

Best practice: Post simple safety reminders inside the concession stand so volunteers can quickly review expectations before each shift, including:

- Handwashing steps
- Safe food temperatures
- Equipment shut-off procedures
- Location of the fire extinguisher
- Emergency contact information

Additional information provided by your league:

Our league recognizes that safety extends beyond the field and into every area where families gather, including our concession operations. While we comply with all local health regulations and Little League requirements, we have implemented additional safeguards to ensure our concession stand operates with the same level of care and accountability as our playing facilities.

All concession volunteers receive basic food safety guidance before service, including proper hand hygiene, glove usage, cross-contamination prevention, and safe food temperature practices. We maintain clearly labeled storage areas, separate raw and ready-to-serve items when applicable, and monitor hot and cold holding temperatures to align with health safety standards. Cleaning schedules are posted and followed throughout each shift, with surfaces sanitized routinely to prevent contamination.

Access to the concession area is limited to authorized volunteers to maintain organization, food safety control, and financial accountability. Equipment such as grills, warmers, and refrigeration units are inspected regularly for proper function, and fire extinguishers are readily accessible with volunteers informed of their location and basic usage procedures.

We also maintain allergen awareness practices by clearly identifying common allergens in packaged products and encouraging families to notify us of severe allergies. First aid supplies are accessible within or near the concession area, and emergency contact procedures are clearly posted to ensure a rapid response if needed.

Financial handling procedures are structured to reduce risk, with cash management protocols, designated cash handlers, and reconciliation processes that promote transparency and accountability.

For our league, concession safety is about more than compliance; it is about stewardship. Families trust us not only with their children on the field, but with the food and environment surrounding the experience. We honor that trust by operating with discipline, cleanliness, and a culture of responsibility that reflects our commitment to the well-being of our entire community.

For more information about concession stand safety at CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL, or to report a concern, please contact: Concessions Manager

Concession Stand Safety Resources:

- Concession Stand Safety (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/concession-stand-safety-tips-12-steps-to-safe-sanitary-food-service/>)
- Concession Stand Safety Checklist (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/concession-stand-inspection-checklist/>)

TRAINING & EDUCATION

When volunteers are trained and prepared, it helps to prevent injuries, respond to emergencies, and create a positive experience for everyone involved. This section highlights the volunteer trainings that CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL requires and encourages.

Abuse Awareness Training

Little League requires all volunteers who undergo a background check to complete Abuse Awareness Training each year. CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL confirms that all required volunteers complete Abuse Awareness Training each season.

Safety Awareness Training (Little League University)

Safety Awareness Training helps volunteers understand common safety risks, recognize unsafe situations, and take proactive steps to prevent injuries.

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL requires Safety Awareness Training for: League Officers/Board Members, Managers and Coaches, Umpires, All Other Volunteers.

First Aid Awareness Training (Little League University)

First Aid Awareness Training helps volunteers recognize injuries, respond appropriately, know when to call 911, and take steps to prevent medical emergencies.

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL requires First Aid Awareness Training for League Officers/Board Members, Managers and Coaches, Umpires, All Other Volunteers.

Diamond Leader Training (Little League University)

Diamond Leader Training supports coaches and volunteers in creating a positive team environment focused on player well-being, sportsmanship, communication, and healthy culture.

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL requires Diamond Leader Training for League Officers/Board Members, Managers and Coaches, Umpires, All Other Volunteers.

Additional Trainings Offered or Encouraged

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL has indicated that it offers or requires the following additional trainings:

- Coaching Skills & Game Fundamentals Training
- Formal First Aid Certification
- CPR Certification
- AED Use Training
- Concession Safety Training
- Emergency Response Training
- Little League Prepare Training (Little League University)
- Little League Play Training (Little League University)
- Little League Umpire Training (Little League University)

Best practice: Share a simple training plan at the start of the season outlining required courses, who must complete them, and suggested deadlines. Clear expectations help volunteers stay on track.

Additional information provided by your league:

Our league believes volunteer training is not just an orientation requirement, but the foundation of a strong and sustainable safety culture. While we meet all mandated Little League training standards, we intentionally go further to ensure every volunteer understands that leadership, supervision, and child protection are shared responsibilities.

Before each season, we hold structured preseason meetings where expectations around conduct, communication, emergency response, and player well-being are clearly reinforced. We review child protection principles, situational awareness practices, and real-world scenarios so volunteers feel confident in recognizing and responding to concerns. Rather than relying solely on online certifications, we prioritize open discussion — creating space for questions, clarification, and shared learning.

We emphasize leadership accountability, reminding coaches and volunteers that they set the tone for player behavior, sportsmanship, and safety compliance. Topics such as concussion awareness, hydration and heat management, equipment checks, and emergency communication procedures are reviewed collaboratively to ensure consistency across all teams.

Throughout the season, board members maintain visible engagement at practices and games, offering guidance and reinforcing safety expectations in real time. When incidents occur, even minor ones, we conduct thoughtful follow-ups to identify lessons learned and strengthen our response protocols.

Most importantly, we foster a culture where volunteers feel empowered to speak up. Concerns can be raised without fear of criticism, and safety conversations are welcomed rather than avoided. We believe training is not a single event, but an ongoing commitment to awareness, accountability, and continuous improvement.

By investing in education beyond the basics, we create more than informed volunteers; we cultivate leaders who understand that protecting our players is a privilege, a responsibility, and the cornerstone of everything we do.

Training and Education Resources:

- Little League University (LLU) Trainings Overview (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/training/>)
- Little League Abuse Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>)
- Little League Safety Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/safety-awareness-training-course/>)
- Little League First Aid Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/first-aid-awareness-training-course/>)

ACCIDENT INSURANCE & INCIDENT REPORTING

Accidents can happen at any time, and being prepared helps leagues support families and volunteers when they do. Understanding and documenting injuries ensures everyone gets the help they need and allows the league to strengthen safety practices for future seasons.

How to Submit an Accident Claim

If a player or volunteer requires medical treatment after a league-sanctioned activity, families should follow these steps:

1. Download the Accident Claim Form from LittleLeague.org.
2. Provide the claimant's full information, including parent or guardian details if the claimant is a minor.
3. Complete all sections of the form. Missing information causes delays.
4. Include primary insurance information. If the claimant has no insurance, written employer verification is required.
5. Attach itemized medical bills that include dates of service, procedure codes, diagnosis codes, and charges.
6. For dental injuries, submit bills to the primary medical and dental insurer first, then include the insurer's Explanation of Benefits.
7. Have a league official (President, Safety Officer, etc.) complete and sign the League Statement section.
8. Completed claim forms and supporting documents must be mailed. Email and fax submissions cannot be accepted.

Questions about the claim process may be sent to AccidentClaim@LittleLeague.org.

Incident Tracking

CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL documents all injuries and incidents that occur during league activities.

- Reports are completed using the official Little League Incident Tracking Form.
- A designated league officer is responsible for collecting and reviewing each report.
- Reviewing incident information throughout the season helps the league identify trends, address hazards, and strengthen safety practices.

Best practice: Monitor incident reports and near-miss situations regularly during the season. Tracking both helps identify emerging patterns, field conditions, equipment problems, or other safety concerns, so the league can take proactive steps to prevent injuries and improve the overall safety of the program.

Additional information provided by your league:

Our league has established its own comprehensive injury reporting and incident tracking policy that goes beyond basic requirements. We believe that safety is not reactive; it is proactive, documented, and continuously improved.

Every injury, no matter how minor, is formally documented on the same day it occurs. Coaches and designated safety volunteers are required to complete a standardized incident report detailing:

- *Date, time, and location of the incident
- *Individuals involved and witnesses present
- *Description of the injury and circumstances
- *Immediate first aid or medical action taken
- *Recommendations for follow-up

Completed reports are submitted directly to the League Safety Officer and League President for review. All incidents are logged into a centralized tracking system to ensure proper documentation, trend analysis, and follow-up when necessary.

In addition to documentation, our league conducts periodic reviews of reported incidents to identify patterns, environmental concerns, or equipment-related risks. If recurring trends are identified — such as field conditions, specific drills, or weather-related factors — corrective action is implemented immediately.

For more serious injuries, our policy includes:

- *Direct communication with parents/guardians
- *Follow-up wellness checks within 24–48 hours
- *Documentation of medical clearance before return-to-play
- *Board-level review when warranted

We maintain strict confidentiality of all medical information while ensuring transparency in safety improvements.

Our philosophy is simple: every incident is an opportunity to improve. By tracking injuries carefully and reviewing them regularly, we strengthen our safety culture, protect our athletes, and reinforce trust within our community.

To report an incident, or for more information about filing an accident claim, please contact: any member of the CBFBA who is at any practices, games, etc

Accident Reporting Resources:

- Little League Incident Tracking Form (<https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/incident-injury-tracking-form/>)
- AIG Accident Claim Form (<https://www.littleleague.org/downloads/accident-claim-form/>)
- How to File an Accident Claim (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/how-to-submit-an-accident-insurance-claim/>)
- Little League Insurance Program Overview (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/little-league-insurance-programs/>)

LITTLE LEAGUE RULES & SAFETY BEST PRACTICES

Creating a safe, enjoyable playing environment begins with following Little League's official safety rules and reinforcing practices that protect players, volunteers, and families. CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL has confirmed that it meets all required safety standards.

Little League Safety Rules

Little League's official safety rules are designed to prevent injuries and establish consistent expectations across the program. These rules help ensure safe play during practices and games.

Leagues must enforce the following:

- On-deck batters are not permitted in the Majors Division and below
- Batters, base runners, and player base coaches must wear helmets at all times
- Catcher's gear must include a dangling throat guard
- Metal cleats are prohibited in the Majors Division and below
- Disengageable bases are required on all baseball and softball fields
- Head-first sliding while advancing is not permitted in the Majors Division and below
- Pitch count limits and required rest days must be followed in all baseball divisions
- Bats must meet current Little League standards
- Game balls must meet current Little League standards and be in good condition

Safety Best Practices

In addition to official rules, many leagues adopt extra safety practices that strengthen routines, reinforce expectations, and create a positive environment for players, families, and volunteers.

Common safety best practices include:

- Keeping dugout and field gates closed during play
- Using a double first base on baseball and softball fields
- Reminding players not to throw equipment or swing bats near others
- Reviewing lightning and severe weather procedures with coaches and umpires
- Ensuring each team has emergency contact information available at practices and games
- Leading age-appropriate warm-ups and stretching to reduce injury risk
- Marking spectator areas clearly and keeping them separate from the field
- Encouraging volunteers, parents, and players to model sportsmanlike and respectful behavior
- Sharing safety reminders with families (emails, signage, or meetings)
- Posting safety signage in common areas (e.g., "No Climbing Fences," "Foul Ball Awareness," "AED Located Here")

Additional information provided by your league:

Our league goes beyond minimum safety standards by implementing additional rules, structured oversight, and proactive on-field procedures designed to reduce risk and promote a culture of accountability.

We believe a safe playing environment is not created by chance — it is built through discipline, preparation, and consistent enforcement.

1. Pre-Game & Practice Field Inspections

Before every game and practice, coaches conduct documented field walk-throughs to identify hazards such as:

*Uneven playing surfaces or holes

*Debris, rocks, or foreign objects

*Fence integrity and gate security

*Dugout hazards

*Base anchor stability

Any identified issue is addressed before play begins or the area is restricted until corrected.

2. Mandatory Equipment Verification

Coaches visually inspect:

*Helmets for cracks or damage

*Properly secured chin straps and face guards

*Catcher's gear condition

*Bat compliance with league standards

*Proper footwear (no metal cleats where prohibited)

Unsafe equipment is removed from play immediately.

3. Structured Warm-Up Protocol

We require organized team warm-ups prior to games and practices to prevent muscle strains and throwing injuries.

This includes:

*Dynamic stretching

*Gradual throwing progression

*Arm care routines for pitchers

Cold starts are not permitted.

4. Pitch Count & Arm Protection Oversight

*We strictly monitor pitch counts and required rest periods in accordance with Little League standards, and maintain internal tracking logs to ensure compliance across games and practices.

*Player safety always outweighs competitive considerations.

5. Weather & Environmental Monitoring

League officials actively monitor:

*Lightning activity (with mandatory field evacuation protocols)

*Extreme heat index and hydration breaks

*Field saturation or unsafe playing conditions

*Games are delayed or canceled without hesitation when safety thresholds are met.

6. Dugout & On-Deck Safety Controls

*Only rostered players and coaches are allowed in dugouts.

*Batters are required to remain behind protective fencing unless at bat or in designated on-deck areas.

*No horseplay or swinging bats outside approved zones.

7. Concussion & Head Injury Protocol

*Any suspected head injury results in immediate removal from play.

* A player may not return without medical clearance.

*Coaches are instructed to err on the side of caution.

8. Post-Incident Review & Corrective Action

*If an on-field safety concern arises, the Board reviews the incident to determine if additional safeguards, rule adjustments, or training updates are necessary.

Our Philosophy

Safety is not just enforced; it is modeled. We expect coaches to lead by example, volunteers to speak up about concerns, and players to understand that protecting themselves and their teammates is part of the game.

Creating a safer playing environment requires preparation, oversight, and a shared responsibility among league leadership, coaches, parents, and athletes. We do not treat safety as a standard of leadership.

2026 FACILITY SURVEY REPORT

This report provides an overview of the information submitted by CLIFFSIDE PARK/FAIRVIEW LL through the Little League Annual Facility Survey. The survey helps document the condition of each field, identify safety or maintenance needs, and track important facility details such as fencing, bleachers, lighting, emergency equipment, and field use.

The information in this summary reflects the league's responses for each field and is intended to support planning, safety awareness, and ongoing facility improvements throughout the season.

#6 SCHOOL

440 Oakdene Ave
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Facility survey last updated 2/18/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
300 ft.	400 ft.	600 ft.	10 ft.	16 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
10 ft.	10 ft.	15 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
15 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	First aid kit

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Turf
Baseline Marking Material	Turf line
Infield Surface	Turf
Playing Features	Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
Underground Wiring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Light Poles Grounded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Electrical System Last Inspected	
Date Light Levels Last Tested	
Light Levels Meet Little League Standards	Yes

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Safety Railing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Handrails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overhead Screens	

CLIFFSIDE PARK HRRVARD PLACE

760 Harvard Place
Cliffside Park, NJ 07010

Facility survey last updated 2/18/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
100 ft.	200 ft.	180 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
6 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
6 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	First aid kit

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Part dirt, part grass
Playing Features	Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

Lights Installed	No
Pole Type	
Underground Wiring	
Light Poles Grounded	
Date Electrical System Last Inspected	
Date Light Levels Last Tested	
Light Levels Meet Little League Standards	

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	cant play when its extremely dark out

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Handrails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overhead Screens	

FAIRVIEW COLUMBUS PARK

165 6th St
Fairview, NJ 07022

Facility survey last updated 2/18/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	220 ft.	20 ft.	10 ft.	12 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
6 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
6 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	First aid kit

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
Underground Wiring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Light Poles Grounded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Electrical System Last Inspected	4/1/2016
Date Light Levels Last Tested	4/1/2016
Light Levels Meet Little League Standards	Yes

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	Lights turn off at 9:30pm

Bleachers

Material	Wood
Annual Inspection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Safety Railing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Handrails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overhead Screens	