

WMLL Event & Equipment Requirements (7.24.20)

These requirements for gathering limits, face coverings/masks, physical distancing, handwashing & equipment are mandatory at all times for everyone at the WMLL ballpark or any WMLL event.

GATHERING LIMITS

- **Attendance/Participation Limits:** WMLL events are limited to a combined total of 25 players & spectators (including family members). Coaches, umpires, official volunteers, Board members, league officials & WMLL staff are not included in the count against this limit.
 - **Attendance Prohibitions:** No one may attend a WMLL event if they:
 - have symptoms of fever, cough, worsening respiratory symptoms or a known exposure to a person with COVID-19 until they have been cleared by a medical professional.
 - are at risk for severe illness or have serious underlying medical or respiratory condition without permission from a medical professional.
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FACE COVERINGS/MASKS

- **Face Covering/Mask Requirements by Position:** Face coverings/masks must be worn at WMLL events as follows. When wearing a face covering/mask, individuals must still keep six feet between themselves and others. The face covering/mask is NOT a substitute for social distancing.

Required at ALL times:	Required when WITHIN TEN FEET of a player:	Recommended, but not required:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Base Coaches/Base Umpires• Coach Pitchers• Plate Umpires• Bench Monitors• Squad Coordinators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coaches (<i>not specified to left</i>)• Anyone helping coaches• Plate Monitor/Retrievers• League Officials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spectators• Volunteers (<i>not specified to left</i>)• Players (<i>at the discretion of their parents or guardians</i>)

Note: Face covering/masks are meant to protect other people in case you are infected. You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- **Physical Distancing:** Individuals not residing in the same household must maintain six feet or more of physical distancing at all times at all WMLL events – including when walking to & from the event.
- **Arrivals & Departures:** Players, coaches, official volunteers & any approved spectators may not arrive at the field area more than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of their team's scrimmage / practice & must vacate the field area within 10 minutes after the conclusion of their scrimmage / practice to minimize unnecessary interaction with players, coaches, official volunteers & spectators from other teams.
- **Modified Field Layout:** To maintain physical distancing during scrimmages & practices, WMLL is utilizing a mandatory modified field layout that consists of separate bases for use by the offensive & defensive squads (spaced 10-feet apart) and a flat batter / catcher barrier to keep the batter & catcher apart during at-bats.
- **Expanded Dugout / Squad-Only Zone:** To maintain physical distancing during scrimmages & practices, WMLL is utilizing a mandatory squad-only zone for each squad that includes one dugout and a delineated adjacent area outside the fence with marked player drop spots (at least six feet apart) for players to use when their squad is on offense. Only players, coaches & approved volunteers are allowed in the squad-only zone. Food

and snacks (including sunflower seeds and gum) & spitting are not permitted in the squad-only zone (or on the playing field).

- **“Player Drop” Spots:** Players will be assigned a designated & marked “player drop” spot in the squad-only zone that they must stay at when their squad is on offense unless the head coach permits them to leave. Each player must keep all individual equipment, including water bottle, helmet, bat & mitt, at his/her assigned spot.
 - **Dugouts:** Dugouts should only be used for team equipment storage & by coaches, on-deck / in-the-hole batters, by catcher’s putting on & removing catcher’s gear (of that is preferred to the catcher’s “player drop” spot)
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HANDWASHING & HYGIENE

- **Hand Sanitizer:** Players, coaches, family members, spectators, volunteers & staff should bring their own hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for personal use. Members of the same household may share.
Note: Hand sanitizer is also available in every dugout & by the concession stand. Coaches should make sure the supply is ample prior to their scrimmage / practice & refill it from the jug in the restrooms if needed.
 - **Hand Sanitizing:** Coaches & players must sanitize their hands as follows at a minimum. When using sanitizer, individuals should cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry
 - **Scrimmages:** Once every inning of play
 - **Practices:** During regular hand-sanitizing breaks made mandatory by coaches
 - **Shared Bats:** Before & after using a shared bat.
 - **Celebrations & Handshakes:** Handshakes, high fives, fist bumps, elbow bumps, chest bumps, and all other celebrations by pairs or groups are not allowed.
Note: After scrimmages, squads will not shake hands. Instead they will line up outside their dugout spaced six feet apart and tip their caps or wave to the opposing squad as a sign of good sportsmanship.
 - **Post Scrimmage Cleanup:** After every scrimmage, every player must clean up their assigned “player drop” spot & the coaches must clean up the dugout & make sure that the entire squad-only zone is left clean.
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EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

- **Mandatory Personal Gear:** Each player is required to have their own **water bottle** (with their name marked on it) & their own batting helmet. **Batting helmets** must have a facemask in Rookie BB & SB, Minor BB & SB and Major SB.
Note: If needed, WMLL will arrange to provide a loaner helmet to players for the summer season.
Note: Members of the same household may share equipment.
Note: The WMLL water fountain has been made inoperable for safety reasons.
 - **Optional Personal Gear:** While optional, if a player elects to use batting gloves, body protective gear, a softball face mask or a storage bag, they are required to have their own.
Note: Members of the same household may share equipment.
 - **Bats:** Bats may be shared, but any player using a shared bat must sanitize their hands before & after using it.
 - **Catcher’s Gear:** Players may use WMLL-provided or their own catcher’s gear. In either case, catcher’s gear may not be shared between players within any practice or scrimmage.
Note: If needed, WMLL will arrange to provide squad’s with additional sets of catcher’s gear for the summer season
Note: Before catcher’s gear worn by one player in a practice may be used by another player in another practice or scrimmage, the gear must either be cleaned and disinfected or set aside for at least 72 hours.
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