



## SAN CLEMENTE LL 2026 SAFE SUMMARY

**League Location:** San Clemente, CA

**League ID:** 4055509

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Dear Volunteers, Parents/Guardians, and Players:

San Clemente Little League is committed to providing a safe, welcoming environment where every player, volunteer, and family feels supported. Safety is an important part of every season, and we believe it is a shared responsibility that helps everyone enjoy the game with confidence and peace of mind.

As part of Little League SAFE, our league has confirmed the steps we take to protect children, prepare volunteers, and maintain safe facilities and playing conditions. From equipment checks and emergency planning to strong child protection practices and volunteer training, our goal is to create a positive, fun, and secure experience for every participant.

Thank you for being part of a community that puts kids first and works together to help ensure a safe, memorable Little League season.

Sincerely,

SCLL 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**

SAN CLEMENTE 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**

SAN CLEMENTE 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**

SAN CLEMENTE 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**

SAN CLEMENTE 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**

SAN CLEMENTE 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:**

California Assembly Bill 506 (2021) requires that all youth sports organizations conduct a fingerprint-based background check for all volunteers with 16 hours per month contact with youth or 32 hours of contact with youth per year. Our volunteers are checked through the California Department of Justice and through FBI for crimes against children. California District 68 complies with all aspects of CA AB506 as well as Little League International requirements.

### **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.

SAN CLEMENTE 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:**

Little League managers and coaches need to consider the possibility of a major incident occurring during a Little League sponsored practice or baseball game. Major incidents can include earthquakes, power failure, and terrorist type incidents, to name just a few. Managers, coaches, and league officers are in a leadership role during these types of incidents. Pre-planning is necessary to be successful.

A majority of the team's activities occur while outdoors and in the confines of a sports complex. It is impossible to cover every type of possible incident, but there are a couple of simple practices that can be developed to assist in the management of a major incident. The manager is responsible for the safety of the players and coaching staff and should establish an emergency meeting location in a safe place at the sports complex. It should be a location away from the playing field. The manager must bring his supplied first aid kit and contact information for all of the players under his charge. The manager should share his/her Major Incident plan with the parents of his assigned players.

In the event of a major earthquake, people who are outdoors are vulnerable to injury from falling objects. In most playing field locations, the safest place is in the center of the field. Before an incident, survey the environment for overhead power lines and lighting standards. Be sure to identify a location that would minimize exposure to these falling objects. Players should be instructed to stay with the coaching staff until the player's parent(s) take responsibility. The parent or player needs to be sure that the manager is aware of the player's status.

Power failure has a more significant effect if it occurs during darkness. A manager should have a flashlight, or other lighting device, in his equipment bag to deploy in the event of a lighting failure. The manager should instruct his players to stay with him until the player's parents come to take responsibility for the player.

Terrorist type incidents vary in how they may occur. Basic human instinct is to react in flight or fear (freeze). In the event of an active shooter (someone with a gun who is discharging it in close proximity to others) players should be instructed to run in a direction away from the perpetrator. Players should be instructed that when the shooting stops and the sirens of the responding emergency personnel stop (meaning that they are on scene and neutralizing the threat) then the players are to assemble at the emergency rallying location so that the manager can account for all of their players. The manager will be able to arrange for the safe reuniting of the player with this parent(s).

In almost every type of incident, the team's manager can be of the most assistance by being able to account for his players. Have the player list and the parents' contact information readily available at all practices and games. Be prepared to administer first aid and summon the necessary emergency response personnel.

**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 SAN CLEMENTE LL:

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

## 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 SAN CLEMENTE 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

SAN CLEMENTE 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.

SAN CLEMENTE LL has reported that it has AEDs available at some 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:**

All Coaches are required to complete the First Aid Safety Awareness Training. All coaches are highly encourage to also complete the CDC Concussion "Youth Sports" and Sudden Cardiac Training. See the SCLL website Resources Documents webpage.

**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 SAN CLEMENTE LL, coach or manager 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:

ALWAYS REFER TO THE LITTLE LEAGUE RULE BOOK FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

### 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

SAN CLEMENTE 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

SAN CLEMENTE 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 SAN CLEMENTE 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 SAN CLEMENTE 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:**

If a coach or volunteer discovers a field hazard or safety issue with our San Clemente Little League fields, please contact our Fields Director, Safety Officer, or any board member so they can resolve.

For more information about facility safety at SAN CLEMENTE LL, or to report a concern, please contact: Fields Director

**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 SAN CLEMENTE LL helps maintain a safe concession operation throughout the season.

SAN CLEMENTE 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:**

- No person under the age of fifteen will be allowed in the concession stands without direct supervision of an adult.
- People working in the concession stands will be trained in safe food preparation.
- Barbecue Grill (BBQ) is used at Vista Bahia and VHSP ONLY (wash station is provided outside snack bar)
- Concession Stand Manager will train Team Moms and Parents at the Team Parent meeting in proper safety and food handling while working in the concession stands.
- There will be a "WASH HANDS" poster in EVERY concession stand. Workers are taught to WASH their hands after handling anything dirty (money), using the restroom, and at the beginning of every session.
- Cooking equipment will be inspected periodically and repaired or replaced if need be. (See "Concession Stand Checklist")
- Food not purchased by SCLL to sell in its concession stands will not be cooked, prepared, or sold in the concession stands.
- Carbon Dioxide tanks will be secured with chains so they stand upright and can't fall over. Report damaged tanks or valves to the supplier and discontinue use. (See "Concession Stand Weekly Checklist")
- Cleaning chemicals must be stored in a locked container.
- A Certified Fire Extinguisher suitable for grease fires must be placed in plain sight at all times.
- All concession stand workers are to be instructed on the use of fire extinguishers.
- A fully stocked First Aid Kit will be placed in each Concession Stand.
- The Concession Stand main entrance door will not be locked or blocked while people are inside.

For more information about concession stand safety at SAN CLEMENTE 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 SAN CLEMENTE LL requires and encourages.

## **Abuse Awareness Training**

Little League requires all volunteers who undergo a background check to complete Abuse Awareness Training each year. SAN CLEMENTE 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.

SAN CLEMENTE LL requires Safety Awareness Training for: League Officers/Board Members.

## **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.

SAN CLEMENTE LL requires First Aid Awareness Training for Managers and Coaches.

## **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.

SAN CLEMENTE LL requires Diamond Leader Training for Not Required in our League.

## **Additional Trainings Offered or Encouraged**

SAN CLEMENTE LL has indicated that it offers or requires the following additional trainings:

- Coaching Skills & Game Fundamentals Training
- 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:**

CDC Concussion Training "Youth Sports

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<https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/training/youth-sports.html>

Every Other Year, Recommended but optional

Approx. 30 Minutes course

Sudden Cardiac Training

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<https://epsavealife.org/sca-prevention-training/>

Every Other Year, Recommended but optional

Approx. 30 Minutes course

Diamond Leader Training

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Managers and Coaches who participate in All Stars are required to complete the Diamond Leader Training.

**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](mailto:AccidentClaim@LittleLeague.org).

## Incident Tracking

SAN CLEMENTE 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:**

What to report:

Any incident that causes any player, manager, coach, umpires, or volunteers to receive medical treatment and/or first aid must be reported to the Safety Officer. This includes even passive treatments such as the evaluation and diagnosis of the extent of the injury.

When to report:

All such incidents described above must be reported to the Safety Officer within 24 hours of the incident. A copy of the "AIG Claim Form" Little League Baseball and Softball Form will be given to EVERY manager in their safety manual: Available on SCLL League Web Site. The Safety Officer can be reached at the following:

Email: [safety@sclittleleague.com](mailto:safety@sclittleleague.com)

Phone: 949-547-3601

Website: [www.sclittleleague.com](http://www.sclittleleague.com)

To report an incident, or for more information about filing an accident claim, please contact: League Safety Officer

**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. SAN CLEMENTE 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:**

### **Pitch Count**

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Pitch count does matter. Please refer to the Little League Rules Book for details on the Pitch Count Rules Section VI. The manager must remove the pitcher when said pitcher reaches the limit for his age group noted below.

### **League Age**

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- 13 - 16 years old - 95 pitches a day
- 11 - 12 years old - 85 pitches a day
- 09 - 10 years old - 75 pitches a day
- 06 - 08 years old - 50 pitches a day

### **General Safety Information:**

Little League managers and coaches are usually quick to teach their pitchers how to get movement on the ball. Unfortunately, the technique that older players use is not appropriate for children thirteen (13) years and younger.

The snapping of the arm used to develop this technique will most probably lead to serious injuries to the child as he/she matures. Arm stress during the acceleration phase of throwing affects both the inside and the outside of the growing elbow. On the inside, the structures are subjected to distraction forces, causing them to pull apart. On the outside, the forces are compressive in nature with different and potentially more serious consequences.

The key structures on the inside (or medial) aspect of the elbow include the tendons of the muscles that allow the wrist to flex and the growth plate of the medial epicondylar ("Knobby" bone on the inside of the elbow). The forces generated during throwing can cause this growth plate to pull away (avulse) from the main bone. If the distance between the growth plate and main bone is great enough, surgery is the only option to fix it. This growth plate does not fully adhere to the main bone until age 15! Similarly, on the outside (or lateral) aspect of the elbow, the two bony surfaces can be damaged by compressive forces during throwing.

This scenario can lead to a condition called a vascular Necrosis or Bone Cell Death as a result of compromise of the local blood flow to that area. This disorder is permanent and often leads to fragments of the bone breaking away (loose bodies) which float in the joint and can cause early arthritis. This loss of elbow motion and function often precludes further participation.

Studies have demonstrated that curveballs cause most problems at the inside of the elbow due to the sudden contractive forces of the wrist musculature. Fastballs, on the other hand, place more force at the outside of the elbow. Sidearm delivery, in one study, led to elbow injuries in 74% of pitchers compared with 27% in pitchers with a vertical delivery style.

### **PRELIMINARY DATA HAVE DEMONSTRATED THE FOLLOWING**

- A significantly higher risk of elbow injury occurred after pitchers reached 50 pitches/outing.

- A significantly higher risk of shoulder injury occurred after pitchers reached 75 pitches/outing.
- In one season, a total of 450 pitches or more led to cumulative injury to the elbow and the shoulder.
- The mechanics, whether good or bad, did not lead to an increased incidence of arm injuries.
- The preliminary data suggest that throwing curveballs increases risk of injury to the shoulder more so than the elbow; however, subset analysis is being undertaken to investigate whether or not the older children were the pitchers throwing the curve.
- The pitchers who limited their pitching repertoire to the fastball and change-up had the lowest rate of injury to their throwing arm.
- A slider increased the risk of both elbow and shoulder problems.
- Based on the data, a recommendation can be made to reduce the number of pitches per outing to 50-60 for the 8-12 age groups and 50-75 for the 13-14 age groups.
- Based on this research, little league recommends against the teaching or throwing of curveballs under the age of 13. If a curveball is taught, the Manager should instruct the child to throw the curveball like a football without snapping the arm or the wrist. If the manager or coach is unsure how to do this, he/she can consult teaching materials in the clubhouse or contact a Board Member for further instruction.
- The home team manager will assign a person to track pitch counts for both teams using the San Clemente Little League Pitch Count form. Managers and Coaches should look to their players' future and make an effort to protect their elbows against the tragedy of a vascular Necrosis.
- Once these pitch counts are reached, the manager must remove the pitcher. Should that player be inserted back into the lineup, you CANNOT put him or her in the position of catcher as the number of throws required mirrors that of the pitcher.
- Ice is a universal First-Aid treatment for minor sports injuries. Ice controls the pain and swelling. Pitchers should be taught how to ice their arms at the end of a game. If the manager or coach is unsure how to do this, he/she can obtain teaching materials by contacting a Board Member. Children should not be encouraged to "play through pain." Pain is a warning sign of injury. Ignoring it can lead to greater injury.

\*\*\*\* If a manager knowingly disregards safety, he or she will come before the Board of Directors to explain his or her conduct.

## **2026 FACILITY SURVEY REPORT**

This report provides an overview of the information submitted by SAN CLEMENTE 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.

# BONITO

1304 Calle Valle  
San Clemente, CA 92672

Facility survey last updated 2/13/2026

## Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
285 ft.	285 ft.	285 ft.	20 ft.	6 ft.

## Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.

## Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.

## General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	101-300
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

## Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	

## Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Clay
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Portable pitching mound, 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	

## Bleachers

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

# FORSTER

1271 Calle Sarmentoso  
San Clemente, CA 92673

Facility survey last updated 2/15/2026

## Field Dimensions

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

## Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.

## Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.

## General Details

Parking Capacity	None
Bleacher Capacity	101-300
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

## Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Clay
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Portable pitching mound, Backstop

## Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

## Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	

## 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	

## Bleachers

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

# SAN GORGONIO [BIG]

2916 San Gorgonio  
San Clemente, CA 92672

Facility survey last updated 2/15/2026

## Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.	24 ft.	0 ft.

## Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
18 ft.	18 ft.	18 ft.

## Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
18 ft.	18 ft.	18 ft.

## General Details

Parking Capacity	101 or more
Bleacher Capacity	101-300
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	No
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Clay
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
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	Limited time allowed for practices, Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled, School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

## Bleachers

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

# SAN GORGONIO [SMALL]

2916 San Gorgonio  
San Clemente, CA 92673

Facility survey last updated 2/15/2026

## Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
202 ft.	202 ft.	202 ft.	10 ft.	4 ft.

## Left Field Foul Territory

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

## Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.

## General Details

Parking Capacity	51-100
Bleacher Capacity	101-300
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

## Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, 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	Clay
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent 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	No

## Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	Limited time allowed for practices, Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled, School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

## Bleachers

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

# TALEGA

179 Corte Cristianitos  
San Clemente, CA 92673

Facility survey last updated 2/16/2026

## Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.	20 ft.	0 ft.

## Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
12 ft.	12 ft.	0 ft.

## Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
12 ft.	12 ft.	0 ft.

## General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	None/NA
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

## Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	No
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Clay
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Portable pitching mound, Backstop

## Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled

## Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	First aid kit

## 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	

## Bleachers

Material	None
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

# VHSP #2

987 Avenida Vista Hermosa  
San Clemente, CA 92673

Facility survey last updated 2/15/2026

## Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
380 ft.	380 ft.	380 ft.	15 ft.	10 ft.

## Left Field Foul Territory

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

## Right Field Foul Territory

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

## General Details

Parking Capacity	101 or more
Bleacher Capacity	101-300
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

## Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Batter's eye, Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases, Protected on deck area
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit

## Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Clay
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent 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	Yes
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## Bleachers

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

<b>Scheduling Limitations</b>	Limited time allowed for practices, Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled, School or municipal policies that impact scheduling
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# VHSP #3

987 Avenida Vista Hermosa  
San Clemente, CA 92673

Facility survey last updated 2/15/2026

## Field Dimensions

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

## Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
12 ft.	12 ft.	12 ft.

## Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
12 ft.	12 ft.	12 ft.

## General Details

Parking Capacity	101 or more
Bleacher Capacity	101-300
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

## Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Batter's eye, Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit

## Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Clay
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent 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	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	Limited time allowed for practices, Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled, School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

## Bleachers

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

# VHSP #4

987 Avenida Vista Hermosa  
San Clemente, CA 92673

Facility survey last updated 2/15/2026

## Field Dimensions

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

## Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
12 ft.	12 ft.	12 ft.

## Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
12 ft.	12 ft.	12 ft.

## General Details

Parking Capacity	101 or more
Bleacher Capacity	101-300
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

## Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Batter's eye, Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit

## Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Clay
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent 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	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	Limited time allowed for practices, Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled, School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

## Bleachers

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

# VISTA BAHIA

402 Calle Bahia  
San Clemente, CA 92672

Facility survey last updated 2/15/2026

## Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
212 ft.	212 ft.	212 ft.	10 ft.	4 ft.

## Left Field Foul Territory

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

## Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
10 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.

## General Details

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

## Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Batter's eye, Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit

## Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Clay
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent 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	

## Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	Limited time allowed for practices, Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled, School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

## Bleachers

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