



S Y C LL 2026 SAFE SUMMARY

League Location: New Freedom, PA

League ID: 305069

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Dear Volunteers, Parents/Guardians, and Players:

S Y C LL 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,

S Y C LL Board of Directors

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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

S Y C 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

S Y C 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

S Y C 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

S Y C 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

S Y C 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.

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**

Local Emergency Contacts

- **Police Department:** 717-235-3944
- **Fire Department:** 717-235-4444

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.

S Y C 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:

Managers/coaches are required to have Medical Release Forms completed for all players. Managers/coaches are required to carry the team roster with the players' Medical Release Forms to all SYC Little League events to include all practices, regular season and tournament games.

When calling 911 you need to remember the following:

- * Give the operator your name and phone number. Also advise the exact location of the injury and which field the injured player is on.
- * Advise the operator what happened. How did the injury take place?
- * Inform the operator of the condition of the injured party. Be sure to include whether or not there was loss of consciousness, severe bleeding, or an exposed bone.
- * Inform the operator of current help being given (i.e., first aid, CPR, AED).
- * Answer any questions the operator may have. DO NOT hang up until the operator tells you to.
- * Continue to administer aid to the injured party until professional help arrives.
- * Assign someone to go to the street to wait for the emergency vehicles and to guide them to the injured party.
- * Assist the emergency medical personnel as requested.
- * Notify the parents or guardian of the injured, if not already present.
- * Notify the Safety Officer immediately following the incident.

As the manager or coach of the team, it is your responsibility to determine if any player should continue to practice or play in a game. If you feel that a player needs to get medical attention under any circumstance, then:

- * If emergency personnel are present, allow them to provide directions.
- * Consult with the player's parents for doctor or hospital information. Ask the parent or guardian if they wish to take the player themselves.
- * Check the player's medical release information provided by the league. This information must be with the team at all Little League events (practices, games, picnic, etc.).
- * If the parents or guardians are absent, refer to the medical release information.
- * If there is a doctor, medical clinic, or hospital listed, this should be your first choice.
- * Provide this information to the emergency personnel on scene.

Baseball Field Addresses

- * Windy Hill Complex (Windy Hill Large, Small, and Ebbets Fields): 1020 Windy Hill Road, New Freedom, PA (Shrewsbury Township)
- * Veterans Field (The Coop): North Coop Road, New Freedom, PA (New Freedom Borough)

- * Strawberry Field: 99 Harrison Road, New Freedom, PA (Shrewsbury Township)
- * Friendship Elementary: 3457 Sticks Road, Glen Rock, PA (Codorus Township)
- * Codorus Township Park: 12260 Rockville Road, Glen Rock, PA (Codorus Township)
- * Saint John's the Baptist Field: 314 N Constitution Ave, New Freedom, PA (New Freedom Borough)
- *Sweeney Park 21-99A Playground Ave Shrewsbury, Pa 17361

Accident Reporting

SYC will use the Little League Incident/Injury Tracking Report and provide a copy to the Safety Officer or President within 24 hours of the incident. Near misses shall be documented so we may take proactive steps to ensure safety.

Guidelines for Games during Inclement Weather

The chances of encountering one of the following during a game are far from impossible.

- * Rain
- * Lightning
- * Heavy winds
- * Tornadoes
- * Hot, humid, and sunny days

Rain

Light rain that does not create an unsafe environment may not be reason to stop a game or practice. Heavy rain that leads to pooling or soaking causing wet field conditions may be justification to stop/delay a game or practice. Besides pooling and slick field conditions, heavy downpours can also cause very poor visibility putting players, coaches, and spectators in danger from batted or thrown balls. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the umpire to stop the game. It is the coach's responsibility to stop practice as soon as possible to avoid injuries.

NOTE: If a game or practice is stopped, coaches are to remain with the players until their parents have picked them up.

If it has been raining prior to a game or practice, then coaches and an umpire must carefully inspect the field for safety prior to the beginning of any activity.

NOTE: The League President will determine whether or not the fields are playable prior to the start of the game. An announcement will be made at the fields and sent out via email. Coaches shall ensure parents are notified.

Lightning

If a game or practice is in progress and there is lightning or thunder (with or without rain), or if the lightning warning alarm sounds, the umpire or coach will immediately stop

play and move everyone to a safe area. Practice and games are not permitted to continue until 30 minutes after a flash of lightning or the sound of thunder. Players may not remain on the field. Practices and games may not resume until the "all-clear" is given by the umpire or coaches. If a game is ready to begin or is already in progress, please wait in your safe area until your manager, coach, or umpire gives you details on whether the game will be continued or postponed.

Heavy winds

Heavy winds can cause dust particles to obstruct a player's ability to focus on the game and can even hamper a player's ability to see clearly. Heavy winds can also cause serious safety risk to spectators. Therefore, in the event of heavy winds, any wind registering 25 mph or greater, the game or practice must be immediately stopped. The game or practice may resume if the wind velocity reduces to below 25 mph or stops altogether. It is the responsibility of the umpires and coaches to make this call.

Tornadoes

At any point in a game or practice, if there is a tornado, the game or practice must be cancelled immediately. The manager and coaches should gather all of the members of the team and remain at a safe area near the field, if possible. The manager or coaches should remain near the field, if possible, for at least 30 minutes after a tornado for parents or guardians to pick up their player. If it is unsafe to remain near the field, the manager or coach should gather all the players and go to an area away from the field that is safe. If after 30 minutes all of the players are not picked up, the manager or coach must contact the Safety Officer or League President for further instructions.

Very hot/humid/sunny days

During the summer, the temperatures can rise to very uncomfortable levels. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure that all players have sufficient amount of water for drinking. If a player does not have a way to stay hydrated it will be the policy of SYC Little League not to allow that player to play or participate. All coaches should review this policy and the importance of adequate hydration at the team's parent meeting.

Public Health Considerations

SYC Baseball understands that public health emergencies and mandates may be present during baseball activities. In these instances, SYC Baseball will conform and follow guidance from Little League District 8, the PA Department of Health, and other public health organizations. Players, volunteers, and other individuals involved with in-person

assistance to the league will be required to complete a COVID wavier form as provided by Little League direction. Coaches and volunteers will be provided with rules and guidelines regarding cleaning of equipment, social distancing, mask mandates, and other obligations to ensure a safe playing environment

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 S Y C 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 S Y C 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

S Y C 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.

S Y C 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:

SYC Little League will require at least one manager/coach from each team to attend a first aid training seminar. Every manager/coach must attend this training once every 3 years. A record will be maintained that lists the date, location, and who attended.

Concussion Protocol:

* Concussion awareness information is posted on the SYC Little League website.

* It is highly recommended that all coaches, managers, and league members complete the free online Heads-Up

Concussion Course provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (https://www.cdc.gov/heads-up/training/youth-sports.html?CDC_AAref_Val=https://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/training/index.html). Once you complete the training and quiz, print out the certificate and forward it to the Safety Officer for filing.

* The Safety in Youth Sports Act is a law to help reduce the risk of athletes suffering concussions. Most concussion policies include three action steps: educate, remove from play, and clearance for return to play.

1. Inform and educate coaches, athletes, and their parents and guardians about concussions through training and/or a concussion information sheet.

2. Remove athlete from play: An athlete who is suspected of having a concussion is to be removed from play immediately.

3. Obtain permission to return to play: An athlete can only return to play or practice after at least 24 hours and with permission from a health care professional.

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 S Y C LL, Michael Santoro carries 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:

Equipment Inspections:

1. The League Safety Officer will inspect all equipment in the pre-season.
2. All SYC issued equipment will be signed out and signed back in using the SYC Baseball Equipment Issuance/Return Form 2025.
3. Managers/ Coaches will inspect equipment prior to each game.
4. Umpires will be required to inspect equipment prior to each game.
5. The Equipment Manager will notify the President of any defective equipment and request it be repaired or replaced immediately.

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

S Y C 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

S Y C 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 S Y C LL, doug mcclean field maintance coordinator. 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 S Y C 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:

The League President will determine whether or not the fields are playable prior to the start of the game. An announcement will be made at the fields and sent out via email. Coaches shall ensure parents are notified.

Field Hazards for Coaches/Umpires

The playing field must always be inspected by the coaches and umpires before games and practices for holes, damage, stones, glass, or other foreign objects. If the issue is unable to be remedied immediately a SYC Field Maintenance and Repair Report shall be completed and submitted to the Safety Officer.

Fence Toppers: SYC is committed to the safety of our players. Our yellow fence toppers help protect our outfielders from various injuries such as scrapes, cuts, and bruises from contact with the rigid top edge of the chain link fence. These fence shields also provide a visual cue allowing umpires to better define a homerun.

Indoor Facility at Windy Hill Complex: The indoor baseball facility at the Windy Hill Complex provides a safe place for off-season, inclement weather workouts, and instructional (fundamentals and pitching) clinics. It can accommodate up to 4 lanes of hitting/pitching drills at a time depending on net configuration. Players and coaches will conform to sanitation and COVID/public health directions of Little League, PA Department of Health, and the SYC Youth Club.

For more information about facility safety at S Y C LL, or to report a concern, please contact: League President

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 S Y C LL helps maintain a safe concession operation throughout the season.

S Y C 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:**Concession Stand Safety Policy:**

Concession stand safety is just as important to SYC Little League as any other concern. SYC Little League is constantly striving to provide the community with safe, nutritious, and otherwise healthy foods. By following the policy listed below, we will ensure that we are doing everything we can do to reach our goal. This policy will be posted within our concession stand at all times. The Safety Officer will work with the Concessions Manager to review, implement, and update this policy as needed. Concession stands will consider Little League and PA Department of Health recommendations.

- * The menu will be approved by the SYC Little League Board prior to being posted.
- * SYC Little League will not allow anyone under the age of 18 years old to be in the concession stands unless when being accompanied and supervised by a parent/adult.
- * SYC Little League will not allow anyone under the age of 16 years old to touch, handle, prepare, or come into contact with any hot food item or equipment.
- * SYC Little League will require that at least two members be present at the time the concession stand closes for safety and accountability reasons. These "closers" must be at least 18 years old.
- * All volunteers in the concession stands must wash their hands on a regular basis.
- * All volunteers must wear gloves when handling and preparing food. (i.e. hotdogs, etc.).
- * Nothing in glass containers will be sold in the concession stands. They are also not allowed on the fields.
- * All equipment must be turned off and cleaned thoroughly at the time of closing.
- * All food utensils must be properly cleaned and stored away at the time of closing.
- * A complete first aid kit must be kept at the concession stands at all times.
- * A list of emergency phone numbers will be posted in the concession stands.
- * Volunteers must report any and all accidents or injuries, to themselves, another volunteer, or customer immediately to the SYC President and/or Safety Officer.
- * Any volunteer who sustains an injury that results in an open cut and bleeding, no matter how minor, must leave the concession area until the injury is properly treated and covered. Any utensils or equipment involved must be taken out of service until it is sterilized.
- * Any volunteers who are feeling ill, who have an active cough or runny nose, or have come into contact with anyone who is ill are asked to reschedule their volunteer shift.
- * If there is a cooking grill available for use by the concession stand, it should be monitored by an adult at all times. No children are allowed to manage or access the grill at any time. A perimeter should be established around the grill to ensure safety of everyone and to limit access.

In the event of a robbery, volunteers should do the following:

* Try to remain calm.

* Comply with the suspect(s) demands. DO NOT resist. Life is valued much more than monetary or property losses.

Once the individual has left the area:

* Immediately close the concession stand.

* Call 911.

* Ask all witnesses, if any, to remain nearby for police.

* Take a moment to write down everything you can remember about what occurred to include description of the suspect(s). (Height, weight, race, sex, clothing, etc.)

* Whether or not a weapon was seen or implied.

* Direction last seen heading and mode of transportation. (Walking, bike, car, etc.)

* Description of vehicle.

* Exactly what you remember of the actual event. (What was said?)

For more information about concession stand safety at S Y C 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 S Y C LL requires and encourages.

Abuse Awareness Training

Little League requires all volunteers who undergo a background check to complete Abuse Awareness Training each year. S Y C 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.

S Y C LL requires Safety Awareness Training for: League Officers/Board Members, Managers and Coaches, Umpires.

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.

S Y C LL requires First Aid Awareness Training for League Officers/Board Members, 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.

S Y C LL requires Diamond Leader Training for Not Required in our League.

Additional Trainings Offered or Encouraged

S Y C LL has indicated that it offers or requires the following additional trainings:

- Coaching Skills & Game Fundamentals Training
- AED Use Training
- Concession Safety Training
- Emergency Response Training

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:

Required Coaches Training Clinics

SYC Little League will require at least one manager or coach from each team to attend (or have attended within the last five years) the Positive Coaching Alliance Double Goal Coach Level I Training in order to coach in 2025. Training may be completed online, but there is a fee of \$20. Volunteers are encouraged to attend in person. In addition, every manager/coach must attend a Fundamentals Clinic once every 3 years. Signups will be sent by a league official in an email with registration information and links.

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](https://www.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

SYC 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:

SYC will use the Little League Incident/Injury Tracking Report and provide a copy to the Safety Officer or President within 24 hours of the incident. Near misses shall be documented so we may take proactive steps to ensure safety.

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. S Y C 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:

SYC Little League will require ALL TEAMS to enforce ALL Little League Rules including:

- * All managers and coaches will receive a Little League Rule Book via the app center
- * Supplying proper equipment for catchers during practices and games.
- * No on-deck batters @ majors and below
- * No player should handle a bat until it is his/her turn at bat on the field (except for as provided by LL Rules.)
- * Bases will disengage on all fields.

2026 FACILITY SURVEY REPORT

This report provides an overview of the information submitted by S Y C 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.

CODORUS TOWNSHIP PARK

12260 Rockville Rd
Glen Rock , PA 17327

Facility survey last updated 2/2/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
275 ft.	300 ft.	275 ft.	22 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	0 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	0 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	51-100
Bleacher Capacity	None/NA
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Protected on deck area
Emergency Equipment Available	First aid kit

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	No
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent 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	Limited time allowed for practices,School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Wood
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

FRIENDSHIP ELEMENTARY

3457 Sticks Rd
Glen Rock, PA 17327

Facility survey last updated 2/2/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.	16 ft.	0 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

Parking Capacity	51-100
Bleacher Capacity	None/NA
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

Emergency Equipment

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

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	No
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent 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	Limited time allowed for practices,School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

SAINT JOHN'S

315 N Constitution Ave
New Freedom , PA 17349

Facility survey last updated 2/2/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
0 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.	15 ft.	0 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

Parking Capacity	51-100
Bleacher Capacity	None/NA
Ownership	School
Maintenance Responsibility	School

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Outfield fence bumper
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	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	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	Limited time allowed for practices,School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	none
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

STRAWBERRY FIELD

99 Harrison Rd
New Freedom, PA 17349

Facility survey last updated 2/2/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
180 ft.	205 ft.	0 ft.	16 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	0 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	0 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

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

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	No
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent 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	

Bleachers

Material	none
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

VETERAN'S FIELD ("THE COOP")

N Coop Rd
New Freedom , PA 17349

Facility survey last updated 2/2/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
230 ft.	240 ft.	230 ft.	14 ft.	8 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
18 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.	18 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	51-100
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	Municipality

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Protected on deck area
Emergency Equipment Available	First aid kit, Weather shelter/safe area

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
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	Wood
Underground Wiring	✓
Light Poles Grounded	✓
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,School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Wood
Annual Inspection	✓
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

WINDY HILL EBBETS

1020 Windy Hill Rd
New Freedom, PA 17349

Facility survey last updated 2/2/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
195 ft.	195 ft.	195 ft.	16 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

Parking Capacity	101 or more
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit, Fire extinguisher, Weather shelter/safe area

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	No
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent 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	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Aluminum
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

WINDY HILL LARGE

1020 Windy Hill Rd
New Freedom , PA 17349

Facility survey last updated 2/2/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
225 ft.	225 ft.	225 ft.	22 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

Parking Capacity	101 or more
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Outfield fence bumper
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit, Fire extinguisher, Weather shelter/safe area

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	No
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent 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	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Aluminum
Annual Inspection	✓
Safety Railing	✓
Handrails	✓
Overhead Screens	

WINDY HILL SMALL

1020 Windy Hill Rd
New Freedom , PA 17349

Facility survey last updated 2/2/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
200 ft.	200 ft.	168 ft.	14 ft.	4 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
14 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.	41 ft.	0 ft.	0 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	101 or more
Bleacher Capacity	None/NA
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Outfield fence bumper
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit, Fire extinguisher, Weather shelter/safe area

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	No
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent 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	

Bleachers

Material	none
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	