



WEST MARIN LL 2026 SAFE SUMMARY

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Dear Volunteers, Parents/Guardians, and Players:

West Marin Little League (WMLL) 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,

West Marin Little League Board of Directors

LEAGUE LEADERSHIP AND CONTACTS

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

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

CHILD PROTECTION

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

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

1. Annual Background Checks

WEST MARIN 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

WEST MARIN 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

WEST MARIN 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

WEST MARIN 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

WEST MARIN 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:** 415-453-5330 (Fairfax non emergency)
- **Fire Department:** 911

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.

WEST MARIN LL has not yet developed an Emergency Action Plan.

Additional information provided by your league:

- Weather and Lighting Conditions: No games or practices should be held when

weather or field conditions are unfavorable, particularly when lighting is inadequate.

- Thunderstorms: Although thunderstorms are uncommon in Northern California, they do occur from time to time. At the first sign of such a storm, everyone should leave the field and seek shelter.

- In any emergency situation, 911 shall be contacted immediately and appropriate care rendered. Once the situation is stabilized, mandatory notification must be made to the appropriate Division Commissioner, League Safety Officer, and League President.

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 WEST MARIN LL:

- Little League First Aid Awareness Training: **Required**
- 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 WEST MARIN 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

WEST MARIN 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.

WEST MARIN LL has reported that it does not currently have any AEDs available and is working toward establishing an AED program.

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:

Team Manager or Coach must inventory first aid packs after each game and practice. If any items are needed they are to notify Safety Officer for replacement.

Minimum Inventory

- Ice pack (X2)
- Alcohol wipes (X5)
- Sterile gloves (X2)
- Band aid (assorted sizes)
- Med tape (X1)
- Burn cream (X2)
- Sting relief (X5)
- Sling (X1)
- Trauma shears (X1)
- Gauze Pads (X4)

Gauze Roll (X1)

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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 WEST MARIN 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:

Coaches and Managers will regularly inspect equipment for damage and certification requirements.

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

WEST MARIN 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

WEST MARIN 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 WEST MARIN 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 WEST MARIN 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.

For more information about facility safety at WEST MARIN LL, or to report a concern, please contact: Field Manager Or Safety Officer

Facility Safety Resources:

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

CONCESSION STAND SAFETY

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

WEST MARIN 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:

The concession stand must undergo a thorough inspection before the season begins. Consult your local or state health inspection office to ensure full code compliance. If available, enlist the assistance of a local restaurant manager to help verify adherence to all applicable food safety standards.

Pre-Season Concession Stand Inspection Checklist:

1. Inspect the condition of all cooking appliances.
2. Check all electrical outlets and sinks for proper operation.
3. Evaluate the condition of floors, tables, and countertops.
4. Address any pest control concerns and ensure all pesticides are stored away from food.
5. Provide volunteer concession staff with training prior to the season on safe food preparation practices.

Snack Bar Operations and Food Safety

Each field's snack bar follows food safety handling guidelines for the season. These guidelines are posted in the snack bar and must be communicated to each Team Parent responsible for providing volunteers during games or league events.

All snack bar personnel are required to submit a Volunteer Application in accordance with Little League Baseball regulations.

All snack bar personnel must familiarize themselves with snack bar procedures before working or handling food. The league conducts a snack bar safety and operations meeting prior to opening each season.

Training

Written instructions are provided to all snack bar volunteers covering safe food handling, preparation, and operating procedures.

Menu Standards

The snack bar menu should be kept simple and must not include potentially hazardous foods such as eggs, dairy products, protein salads, or cut fruits and vegetables.

Do not use precooked foods or leftovers.

Use only foods from approved sources.

Do not use foods prepared at home.

Complete control of food from source to service is essential for safe and sanitary food service.

Cooking and Temperature Control

Standard snack bar fare should not require cooking. If cooking is necessary, a food thermometer must be used to verify proper cooking and holding temperatures.

Cold foods must be held at 41°F or below.

Hot foods must be held at 140°F or above.

Ground beef products (such as hamburgers) are strongly discouraged due to increased risk of foodborne illness and rapid spoilage.

Reheating

Do not reheat any food items.

BBQ Safety

Do not wear plastic or flammable gloves while operating the BBQ.

An adult must be present at the BBQ at all times.

If handling raw food, do not handle cooked food or buns without proper handwashing.

Cooling and Cold Storage

Foods requiring refrigeration must be cooled to 41°F as quickly as possible and held at that temperature until served.

Approved cooling methods include:

Ice water bath (60% ice, 40% water) with frequent stirring

Shallow pans no more than 4 inches deep

Do not stack pans while cooling.

Leave lids off or ajar until fully cooled.

Check temperatures periodically.

Improper cooling is the leading cause of foodborne illness.

Hand Washing

Frequent and thorough hand washing is required. Disposable gloves provide additional protection but are not a substitute for hand washing.

Health and Hygiene

Only healthy workers may prepare or serve food. Anyone with symptoms such as cramps, nausea, fever, vomiting, diarrhea, jaundice, or open sores must not work in the concession area.

Workers must wear clean outer garments.

Smoking is prohibited in the concession area.

Hair restraints are recommended.

Food Handling

Avoid bare-hand contact with ready-to-eat foods.

Use approved utensils for serving.

Avoid touching food contact surfaces.

Dishwashing

Use disposable utensils only.

Never reuse disposable dishware.

Wash using the following four-step process:

Wash in hot soapy water

Rinse in clean water

Chemical or heat sanitizing

Air drying

Ice Handling

Ice used to cool cans or bottles must not be used in beverages and must be stored separately.

Wiping Cloths and Sanitizing

Use bleach cleaning wipes or sanitizing cloths.

Store cloths in a sanitizer solution (1 gallon water with ½ teaspoon chlorine bleach).

Change solution every two hours.

Clean and sanitized surfaces prevent cross-contamination and discourage insects.

Insect Control and Waste

Keep food covered.

Store pesticides away from food.

Use refuse containers with tight-fitting lids.

Dispose of wastewater properly.

Use potable water only.

Food Storage and Cleanliness

Store food at least six inches off the floor.

Clean the concession area after each session.

Discard any unusable food.

Minimum Worker Age

The minimum age for paid snack bar workers is 16.

Volunteers under 16 must be supervised by an adult.

For more information about concession stand safety at WEST MARIN LL, or to report a concern, please contact:

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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 WEST MARIN LL requires and encourages.

Abuse Awareness Training

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

WEST MARIN LL requires Safety Awareness Training for: League Officers/Board Members, Managers and Coaches.

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.

WEST MARIN 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.

WEST MARIN LL requires Diamond Leader Training for Not Required in our League.

Additional Trainings Offered or Encouraged

WEST MARIN LL has indicated that it offers or requires the following additional trainings:

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

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

Training and Education Resources:

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

ACCIDENT INSURANCE & INCIDENT REPORTING

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

How to Submit an Accident Claim

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

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

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

Incident Tracking

WEST MARIN 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:

Any injury which causes a player to no longer finish the game, be carted off the field, or seek medical care after the game, must be reported to the division Commissioner. The Commissioner is then to notify the league Safety Officer, and WMLL President.

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. WEST MARIN 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:

ON-FIELD SAFETY BEST PRACTICES

BAT SAFETY

- No swinging bats outside the field of play or designated warm-up areas.
- No bats in the dugout or on the bench; bats stay racked until the player is up.
- "One bat at a time" rule in warm-up areas.
- Coaches must actively enforce a safe swing zone around hitters.
- Players carry bats barrel-down when walking (never over the shoulder).
- Stop all swinging immediately if a player enters the swing path.

SLIDING SAFETY AND TRAINING

- Sliding must be taught and practiced before players are allowed or encouraged to slide in games.
- Teach proper feet-first sliding technique first (sit, turn, tuck, reach).
- No head-first sliding while advancing in Majors and below (except returning to a base per rules).
- Teach players to slide to the outside of the base and avoid contact with defenders.
- Players may not slide into home plate unless proper technique has been taught for their age level.

PROTECTIVE CUP REQUIREMENT (AA AND ABOVE)

- All male players in AA and above are required to wear an athletic supporter and protective cup at all practices and games.
- Male catchers must wear a protective cup at all times while catching, including games, bullpen sessions, warm-ups, and drills.
- Coaches should perform quick gear checks before games and practices.

PITCH COUNT, REST, AND ARM CARE

- Pitch count rules must be followed without exception.
- Coaches must use the official pitch-count tracker for every game.
- No pitcher may return to pitch in the same game after moving to another position if prohibited by rule.
- Monitor all throwing, including bullpen and warm-up throws.
- Encourage proper recovery: hydration, light throwing after heavy outings, and no high-intensity throwing on rest days.

CATCHER LIMITS AND WORKLOAD MANAGEMENT

- Catchers should have inning or time limits based on division, weather, and game conditions.
- Any catcher who catches a full game should not pitch the same day.
- Catchers must wear full gear for all catching activities, including warm-ups and bullpen.
- Rotate catchers when possible to prevent fatigue and injury.

CATCHER POSITIONING AND HOME PLATE SAFETY

- Catchers must be taught proper positioning for plays at the plate.
- Encourage catchers to set up in fair territory when possible and avoid blocking the plate without possession of the ball.
- Teach catchers to receive throws in front of the plate and apply tags safely to avoid collisions.
- Reinforce that player safety takes priority over recording an out.

FIELD AND DUGOUT SAFETY

- Only players, coaches, and umpires are allowed in the dugout and on the field during play.
- Keep gates closed during play.
- Players remain in the dugout unless batting, on base, or coaching.
- Adults retrieve foul balls in spectator and parking areas.
- Coaches perform a field hazard check before every practice and game.
- Helmets required for batters, runners, and youth base coaches.
- Catcher throat guard required.
- No jewelry, hard casts, or prohibited cleats.

WARM-UP AND THROWING SAFETY

- Space players during throwing drills.
- Never throw across active drill areas.
- Use age-appropriate warm-ups: light jog, dynamic movement, arm activation, progressive throwing.

HEAT, WEATHER, AND LIGHTNING SAFETY

- Schedule hydration breaks.
- Increase breaks during hot or windy conditions.
- Stop play immediately for lightning or thunder and clear the field to shelter.
- Modify workload during extreme heat.

SAFETY CULTURE

- “When in doubt, sit them out” for any head impact or unusual symptoms.
- Any injury requiring removal from play or first aid must be reported per league procedure.
- Coaches model calm, clear communication and never pressure players to play through injury.

2026 FACILITY SURVEY REPORT

This report provides an overview of the information submitted by WEST MARIN 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.

CENTRAL

4 School Street
Fairfax, CA 94930

Facility survey last updated 1/21/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
202 ft.	212 ft.	178 ft.	17 ft.	5 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
18 ft.	20 ft.	17 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
18 ft.	21 ft.	21 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

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

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Spray Paint
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	Limited time allowed for practices, Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled, School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

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