



SOUTH DURHAM LL 2026 SAFE SUMMARY

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Dear Volunteers, Parents/Guardians, and Players:

Every time our kids step onto the field at South Durham Little League (SDLL), they're not just learning baseball—they're building confidence, making friendships, and creating memories that last long after the final out. You've entrusted us with your children, and that responsibility shapes every decision we make about safety and fun at the ballpark.

Through Little League SAFE, we've strengthened our commitment to child protection, volunteer preparation, and facility safety. This means thorough background checks, trained coaches who know how to respond in emergencies, well-maintained equipment, and clear protocols that put your child's wellbeing first. But it also means something more: a community where everyone—from the dugout to the stands—looks out for one another.

Thank you for being the kind of community that shows up, speaks up, and ensures SDLL remains a place where kids can just be kids.

Play ball,

SDLL 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

SOUTH DURHAM 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

SOUTH DURHAM 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

SOUTH DURHAM 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

SOUTH DURHAM 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

SOUTH DURHAM 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:

Commitment to Child Protection and Safe Play

South Durham Little League is deeply committed to creating a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all players. In addition to meeting all Little League International requirements, SDLL has implemented enhanced child protection policies, training expectations, and cultural practices.

Mandatory Abuse Awareness, Background Checks, and Legal Education

- All coaches, board members, and volunteers complete annual background checks and abuse awareness training.

- North Carolina mandated reporting laws are reviewed in detail at preseason coaches' meetings prior to each season (Fall and Spring), ensuring coaches understand:

- o What constitutes abuse or neglect

- o Their legal obligation to report concerns within 24 hours

- o How and where to make a report

- o Non-retaliation protections for reporters

Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Training

- Mandatory Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) training is required for all coaches prior to each season (Fall and Spring). This training reinforces:

- o Emotional safety and athlete-centered coaching

- o Age-appropriate expectations and communication

- o Respectful interactions with players, parents, umpires, and opponents

- o Strategies to prevent bullying, intimidation, and emotionally harmful behavior

- Optional PCA training is offered to parents and volunteers to align the broader SDLL community around shared expectations for sportsmanship, sideline behavior, and positive youth development.

Clear Conduct Standards and Boundaries

- SDLL maintains written policies that prohibit inappropriate one-on-one interactions, define appropriate boundaries, and establish expectations for adult-child interactions.

- League-wide Codes of Conduct apply to coaches, volunteers, board members, parents, and athletes, ensuring consistent standards across all roles.

Culture of Positive Behavior Management

- SDLL promotes a positive behavior management approach that emphasizes:

- o Teaching, redirection, and accountability rather than punitive discipline

- o Modeling respectful behavior for athletes
- o Addressing concerns early before they escalate
- This approach is reinforced through PCA training, preseason meetings, and ongoing league leadership communication.

Reporting, Oversight, and Accountability

- The Safety Officer serves as a central point of contact for concerns related to child safety, conduct, or boundary issues.
- All reports are taken seriously, documented appropriately, and escalated as required by league policy and North Carolina law.
- Failure to comply with child protection policies may result in corrective action, suspension, or removal from league activities.

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.

SOUTH DURHAM 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:

Severe Weather:

The South Durham Little League Severe Weather Policy prioritizes safety by outlining clear expectations for managing rain and lightning during games and practices.

- Activities must be delayed, suspended, or canceled if weather or field conditions are unsafe.
- Lightning or thunder requires immediate suspension and a 30-minute wait after the last occurrence before resuming play.
- Umpires have final authority during games; coaches have final authority during practices.
- All decisions should err on the side of caution, with clear communication to families.

Heat Policy:

The South Durham Little League Heat Policy is designed to protect players, coaches, and spectators by using the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) to guide safe participation during hot and humid conditions.

- WBGT is monitored for all games and practices and accounts for temperature, humidity, wind, and sun exposure.
- WBGT 80–84°F: Activities are allowed with extra precautions, including more frequent water breaks and close monitoring for heat illness.
- WBGT 85–89°F: Games and practices may be modified or shortened, with increased hydration breaks, shaded rest, and reduced intensity.
- WBGT \geq 90°F: Practices and games should be postponed, rescheduled, or canceled.
- Coaches are responsible for enforcing the policy, parents are encouraged to monitor for symptoms of heat illness, and any signs of heat-related emergencies require immediate cooling and activation of emergency medical services.

AED Locations and Usage:

The South Durham Little League AED Policy is intended to support rapid response to sudden cardiac emergencies by ensuring AED access, awareness, and proper use at all league activities.

AEDs are available at select league field locations and should be identified before games and practices.

AED Locations

- Parkwood Ballfield – Right field shed
- Herndon Park – Field 1, left field shed
- Githens Softball – Left field shed
- Cresset Academy – Right field shed

AED Usage

- In the event of a suspected cardiac emergency, call 911 immediately, begin CPR, and retrieve and use the AED as soon as it is available.
- All AED use must be reported to the League Safety Officer following the incident.

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 SOUTH DURHAM 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 SOUTH DURHAM 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

SOUTH DURHAM 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.

SOUTH DURHAM 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:

Designated Responders & Training

- All managers and coaches complete preseason safety training, including first aid, concussion awareness, and emergency procedures.
- Clear responder roles are defined in the EAP, ensuring rapid action, communication, and coordination during emergencies.
- Hand only CPR trainings are offered to all league members free of charge

AED Locations and Usage

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AED Usage

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- All AED use must be reported to the League Safety Officer following the incident.

First Aid Supplies & Oversight

- First Aid Kits are inventoried and maintained by the league safety officer
- All teams are required carry a league provided first aid kit at every game and practice.
- Coaches and managers receive preseason training from a certified athletic trainer on first aid and emergency response procedures.
- The League Safety Officer oversees injury reporting trends and uses incident data to inform ongoing safety improvements.

Concussion Protocols

- SDLL maintains a formal concussion policy requiring immediate removal from play for suspected head injuries.
- Athletes suspected of having a concussion are not permitted to return to play without appropriate medical clearance.

- Coaches and parents receive education on concussion signs, symptoms, and reporting expectations.

Hydration & Heat Illness Prevention

- The league has defined hydration and weather-related safety protocols addressing hot weather, cold weather, lightning, and UV exposure.
- Coaches are empowered to modify or suspend activities due to unsafe environmental conditions and are encouraged to schedule hydration breaks proactively.

Medical Emergency Communication Plan

- Emergency communication relies on immediate access to personal cell phones for coaches, parents, and volunteers.
- Coaches are trained to provide dispatchers with detailed location information, injury details, and care rendered.
- League leadership (League President and Safety Officer) must be notified following any serious incident.
- Incident reports are required within 24 hours, with insurance claims are facilitated within 20 days.

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 SOUTH DURHAM 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:**Equipment Safety Practices**

South Durham Little League (SDLL) takes league-specific steps beyond minimum requirements to ensure equipment safety, with shared accountability across the Equipment Officer, coaches, umpires, and the Safety Officer.

- **Dedicated equipment oversight:** An Equipment Officer issues and inspects equipment before the season, condemns unsafe gear, and ensures damaged equipment is destroyed and not reused.
- **In-season monitoring:** Coaches are responsible for keeping team equipment in safe working order and enforcing clean-field and dugout habits to reduce injury risk.
- **Field and equipment integration:** Managers and umpires inspect fields for hazards and enforce rules on equipment, cleats, and other non-compliant items.
- **Safety Officer oversight:** The Safety Officer tracks equipment-related concerns, incidents, and near-misses and works with league leadership to improve practices and training.

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

SOUTH DURHAM 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

SOUTH DURHAM 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 SOUTH DURHAM 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 SOUTH DURHAM 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:

SDLL prioritizes field safety by requiring thorough inspections before activities and continuous monitoring throughout games and practices to identify and address hazards promptly.

- Pre-activity field inspections: Managers, coaches, and umpires jointly inspect fields for hazards such as debris, holes, standing water, or damaged fencing before games and practices.
- Authority to delay or suspend play: Umpires conduct formal pregame inspections and have final authority to delay or suspend play due to unsafe field or visibility conditions.
- Shared decision-making: Managers from both teams must agree that a field is safe for play; unresolved concerns are escalated to league leadership.
- Ongoing monitoring: Field conditions are continuously assessed during activities for developing hazards, including weather-related deterioration or poor lighting.
- Reporting and oversight: Unsafe conditions must be reported to the Safety Officer, who coordinates corrective action and tracks incidents and near-misses to guide future safety improvements.

For more information about facility safety at SOUTH DURHAM LL, or to report a concern, please contact: League Safety Officer

Facility Safety Resources:

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

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 SOUTH DURHAM LL requires and encourages.

Abuse Awareness Training

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

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

First Aid Awareness Training (Little League University)

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

SOUTH DURHAM LL requires First Aid Awareness Training for Not Required in our League.

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.

SOUTH DURHAM LL requires Diamond Leader Training for Managers and Coaches.

Additional Trainings Offered or Encouraged

SOUTH DURHAM LL has indicated that it offers or requires the following additional trainings:

- Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) Training required for coaches, Optional for parents/volunteers

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:

South Durham Little League (SDLL) promotes a safety-first, athlete-centered culture by providing structured training programs that go beyond minimum requirements and emphasize education, accountability, and ongoing reinforcement.

- **Mandatory preseason coach training:** All managers and coaches complete league-led preseason training taught by a Certified Athletic Trainer, covering player safety, first aid, concussion management, emergency action plans, and weather-related safety policies.
- **Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) training:** Required for all coaches each Fall and Spring to reinforce positive, age-appropriate coaching, emotional safety, respectful communication, and inclusive team environments.
- **Optional training for parents and volunteers:** PCA education opportunities help align expectations for sportsmanship, spectator behavior, and positive athlete development.
- **First aid and emergency readiness:** Coaches complete first aid training with emphasis on AED awareness, hands-only CPR concepts, EMS activation, emergency communication, and post-incident reporting.
- **Concussion education and enforcement:** Training reinforces recognition of symptoms, immediate removal from play, no same-day return-to-play, and parent notification and medical clearance requirements.
- **Abuse awareness and player protection:** Annual abuse awareness training and background checks are required for all volunteers, including mandated reporting responsibilities and boundary expectations.
- **Umpire safety orientation:** Umpires receive guidance on safety responsibilities such as equipment and field inspections, weather authority, spectator management, and reporting unsafe conditions.
- **Ongoing reinforcement:** Safety expectations are supported through the SDLL Safety Manual, regular leadership communication, access to the Safety Officer, and review of incidents and near-misses to continuously improve training and policies.

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

SOUTH DURHAM 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:

The South Durham Little League Accident Reporting Policy ensures that injuries are documented promptly, communicated appropriately, and supported through league insurance when applicable.

- What must be reported: Any injury requiring first aid, significant medical treatment, removal from participation, or a formal medical visit.
- Reporting timeline: All reportable incidents must be submitted to the Safety Officer within 24–48 hours.
- How to report: An approved incident report form must be completed, documenting who was involved, when and where the incident occurred, what happened, and the nature of the injury.
- Safety Officer role: The Safety Officer follows up with the injured party, gathers additional details, checks recovery status, and assists with insurance claim forms if requested.
- Insurance coverage: Little League accident insurance applies to sanctioned activities and is secondary (excess) coverage to family insurance.
- Claims process: Parents must submit required claim forms and supporting medical documentation within designated timelines (20 days) to remain eligible for coverage.

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. SOUTH DURHAM 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:

South Durham Little League maintains additional safety rules and on-field procedures that emphasize injury prevention, shared responsibility, and proactive decision-making.

- Pre-activity safety: Coaches and umpires conduct field inspections and recommend dynamic warm-ups; both managers must agree fields are safe before play.
- Dugout and field control: Strict dugout rules, clear playing areas, and proper equipment handling are enforced to reduce tripping and contact injuries.
- Protective equipment standards: Bat, helmet, and catcher gear inspections, with full protective equipment enforced and no on-deck batters in applicable divisions.
- Player development and health: Coaches emphasize safe fundamentals, monitor hydration and fatigue, and enforce concussion protocols with immediate removal from play when indicated.
- Weather and environment: League lightning, heat, and cold policies guide activity modification or suspension for unsafe conditions.
- Spectator safety and accountability: Spectator boundaries are enforced, emergency access is protected, and any coach or umpire may stop play for safety concerns, with incidents reviewed to strengthen future practices.

2026 FACILITY SURVEY REPORT

This report provides an overview of the information submitted by SOUTH DURHAM 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.

ALSTON RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL

7833 Fussell Ave
Cary, NC 27519

Facility survey last updated 1/9/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
225 ft.	230 ft.	225 ft.	15 ft.	8 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
15 ft.	15 ft.	12 ft.	15 ft.	15 ft.	12 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	51-100
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	School
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases, Double first base, 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	Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

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

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

CARPENTER FIRE STATION PARK

7119 Carpenter Fire Station Rd
Cary , NC 27519

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
300 ft.	280 ft.	280 ft.	40 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
40 ft.	40 ft.	15 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
40 ft.	40 ft.	15 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, 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	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

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

CEDAR FALLS PARK

501 Weaver Dairy Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
290 ft.	300 ft.	300 ft.	28 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
30 ft.	30 ft.	12 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
30 ft.	30 ft.	12 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

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	Steel
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

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

CRESSET CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

3707 Garrett Rd
Durham, NC 27707

Facility survey last updated 1/9/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
290 ft.	340 ft.	290 ft.	52 ft.	4 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
45 ft.	45 ft.	12 ft.	450 ft.	45 ft.	12 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	51-100
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	School
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	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	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

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

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	✓
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

CREST STREET PARK

2503 Crest St
Durham, NC 27705

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
230 ft.	260 ft.	220 ft.	8 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
8 ft.	8 ft.	8 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
8 ft.	8 ft.	8 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
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	Permanent
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	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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

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

EPHESUS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – CHAPEL HILL PARKS/REC

1495 Ephesus Church Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
295 ft.	295 ft.	280 ft.	16 ft.	4 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	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	First aid kit

Field and Playing Area

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

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	✓
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

GITHENS BASEBALL

4800 Old Chapel Hill Rd
Durham , NC 27707

Facility survey last updated 1/9/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
265 ft.	310 ft.	260 ft.	26 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
24 ft.	24 ft.	12 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
24 ft.	20 ft.	12 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	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	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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

GITHENS SOFTBALL

4800 Old Chapel Hill Rd
Durham, NC 27707

Facility survey last updated 1/9/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
220 ft.	240 ft.	220 ft.	17 ft.	4 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
18 ft.	16 ft.	24 ft.	22 ft.	26 ft.	0 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, 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	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

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

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	✓
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

HERNDON – FIELD 1

511 Scott King Rd
Field 1
Durham, NC 27713

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
202 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	22 ft.	6 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
25 ft.	22 ft.	10 ft.	24 ft.	21 ft.	10 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases, Outfield fence bumper
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit

Field and Playing Area

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

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
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
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Bleachers

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

Scheduling Limitations	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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HERNDON – FIELD 2

511 Scott King Rd
Durham, NC 27713

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	18 ft.	6 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	20 ft.	15 ft.	20 ft.	20 ft.	15 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases, Outfield fence bumper
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit

Field and Playing Area

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

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

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

HILLSIDE

2737 Fayetteville Rd
Durham, NC 27707

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
250 ft.	250 ft.	250 ft.	36 ft.	6 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
35 ft.	32 ft.	24 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
35 ft.	34 ft.	38 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	51-100
Bleacher Capacity	101-300
Ownership	School
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

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

Field and Playing Area

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

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	✓
Handrails	✓
Overhead Screens	

HOMESTEAD PARK

300 Aquatic Dr
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
300 ft.	295 ft.	285 ft.	24 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
30 ft.	30 ft.	6 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
30 ft.	30 ft.	6 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
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	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	Steel
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

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

LOWES GROVE – BASEBALL

4418 S Alston Ave
Durham, NC 27713

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
265 ft.	310 ft.	265 ft.	45 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
40 ft.	35 ft.	12 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
35 ft.	40 ft.	40 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	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	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	✔
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

LOWES GROVE SOFTBALL

4418 S Alston Ave
Durham, NC 27713

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
175 ft.	195 ft.	175 ft.	24 ft.	4 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
25 ft.	25 ft.	20 ft.	25 ft.	25 ft.	20 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	School
Maintenance Responsibility	League

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	Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

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

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

LYON PARK

1201 Halley St
Durham , NC 27707

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
285 ft.	285 ft.	270 ft.	16 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
16 ft.	14 ft.	10 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
16 ft.	14 ft.	10 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	None
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
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	Permanent
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	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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

MILLS PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL – CARY PARKS/REC

441 Mills Park Dr
Cary, NC 27519

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
195 ft.	200 ft.	195 ft.	25 ft.	4 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
28 ft.	28 ft.	10 ft.	28 ft.	28 ft.	10 ft.

General Details

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

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	Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

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

PARKWOOD

5124 Revere Rd
Durham, NC 27713

Facility survey last updated 1/9/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
204 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	22 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
22 ft.	18 ft.	4 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
22 ft.	22 ft.	18 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	101 or more
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	Leased from Parkwood HOA
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Outfield fence bumper
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator)

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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Light Poles Grounded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Electrical System Last Inspected	
Date Light Levels Last Tested	
Light Levels Meet Little League Standards	Yes

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

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

PEARSONTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

4915 Barbee Rd
Durham, NC 27713

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

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
15 ft.	20 ft.	0 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

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	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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	None
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL – SOFTBALL

3218 Rose of Sharon Rd
Durham, NC 27712

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	25 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
25 ft.	22 ft.	12 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
25 ft.	20 ft.	12 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

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

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	✓
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

S. BOUNDARIES

3400 Third Fork Rd
Durham, NC 27713

Facility survey last updated 1/9/2026

Field Dimensions					
Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height	
300 ft.	320 ft.	300 ft.	20 ft.	4 ft.	
Left Field Foul Territory			Right Field Foul Territory		
Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole	Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	17 ft.	12 ft.	20 ft.	22 ft.	12 ft.

General Details

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

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	Portable pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

Lights Installed	Yes
Pole Type	Steel
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,Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled,School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	✓
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

SHEPARD

2401 Dakota St
Durham, NC 27707

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
245 ft.	245 ft.	255 ft.	24 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
24 ft.	18 ft.	4 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
26 ft.	25 ft.	4 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
Ownership	School
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

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

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

WRIGHTWOOD

1301 Anderson St
Durham , NC 27707

Facility survey last updated 1/10/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
250 ft.	250 ft.	250 ft.	18 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
23 ft.	19 ft.	5 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
25 ft.	26 ft.	4 ft.

General Details

Parking Capacity	1-50
Bleacher Capacity	1-100
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	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
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	School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	