



JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL 2026 SAFE SUMMARY

League Location: JOHNSTON , IA

League ID: 311638

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Dear Volunteers, Parents/Guardians, and Players:

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

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

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

Sincerely,

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL 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.

Additional information provided by your league:

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Phone, email

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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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:

- Safety/First-Aid and Fundamental Skills trainings will be provided at the start of each season. A coach from each team must attend JGSA's First-Aid Training Seminar and Fundamental Skills Training. Each individual coach must attend the these trainings at least once every three years.

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.

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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:

Accident Reporting:

- Responsibility for Safety procedures should be that of all adult members of the Johnston Girls Softball Association including board members, coaches, and other volunteers.
- Report all accidents and near misses. Injury and Accident reporting may be performed by any league volunteer, parent, or player that witnesses an injury or accident. The report should be made to the Safety Officer or JGSA officer of the day within 48 hours of the incident. See Page 10 of the JGSA Safety Manual for further guidelines and instructions on accident reporting. Page 11 contains an accident reporting form that may be used to initially report any incident.
- A working telephone should be available at all JGSA events including all games, practices, and other organization events.

Safety Protocols:

- First-Aid Kits are issued to all teams during the initial equipment distribution. Teams are required to have First-Aid Kits at all practices and games. There is an AED on the garage building below concessions at the Jensen Quads and a second one in the North concession stand and. Any time the AED is needed, 911 should also be called to communicate the specific location (field name or number, area of the ballpark) of the emergency.
- In the case of head injuries, examine the player for signs of concussion. Follow the "When in doubt, sit them out" rule.
- At no time should "horse play" be permitted within Lew Clarkson Park.
- All coaches will receive a list of any special medical needs for the players on their team prior to the start of the season.
- All board members and coaches will be required to review and familiarize themselves with the JGSA LL safety manual.
- The JGSA Safety Officer will complete the Facility Survey annually.
- Coaches and umpires will walk and inspect their assigned field prior to practices and games. See Coaches Checklist on page 8 of the JGSA Safety Manual.
- After each game, coaches should ensure dugouts and areas around the outside of the playing area are free of trash and dangerous objects.
- Report any potential safety hazards and/or repairs to the Facility Coordinator for immediate repair.
- Motorized field equipment should not be used by those under the age of 16 without adult supervision.
- Only players, coaches, and umpires are permitted on the playing field or in the dugout during games and practice sessions.
- Players in the dugout should remain behind the fence and not in the dugout doorway.

- All pre-game warm-ups should be performed within the confines of the playing field and not within areas that are frequented by spectators (i.e., playing catch, pepper, swinging bats, etc.).
- During warm-up drills players should be spaced so that no one is endangered by wild throws or missed catches.
- While on the playing field, all players should be alert and watching for thrown and batted balls and players swinging bats.
- Parents of players who wear glasses should be encouraged to provide "safety glasses".
- Players must not wear watches, rings, pins or metallic items during games and practices.
- Coaches may not warm up pitchers before or during a game.
- On deck batters are not permitted. Players may not pick up a bat until it is their turn to enter the batting box.
- Batting helmets are required while batting in the cages.
- Only one batter and one pitcher is permitted in the cage at one time.
- L-screens should be used at all times to protect the pitcher within batting cages.

Equipment:

- Equipment will be inspected by the Equipment and Uniform Director prior to each season and by the coach and umpire prior to each game. Damaged equipment will be disposed of properly.
- All team equipment should be stored within the team dugout, or behind screens, and not within the area defined "in play". Responsibility for keeping bats and loose equipment off the field of play should be that of the player responsible for the particular item and/or the team's manager and coaches.
- Any player catching for a pitcher, whether in practice, warm up, or a game, must wear a catcher's helmet, mask, throat guard, chest protector, and shin guards. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Batters must wear Little League approved protective helmets with NOCSAE seal during batting practice and games. Coaches should encourage the use of face guards on batting helmets.
- All bats will conform to Little League standards.
- Shoes with metal spikes or cleats are not permitted. Shoes with molded cleats are allowed.
- Fielding face masks will be required for all girls during games when in any fielding position except for catcher who will be wearing the required catching helmet.

Weather:

- No games or practices should be held when weather or field conditions create an unsafe environment.
- There is a lightning detector located in the north concession stand. The lightning detector shall be turned on before the first game of the day and remain on until the park is closed. If lightning is detected within the 3-8 mile range or less, all persons will be required to vacate Lew Clarkson Park. Once play is suspended, there is a wait period of at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed, thunder is heard, or the detector indicates

no lightning in the 3-8 mile range, before play can resume. An Officer of the Day will make the final decision pertaining to when play can resume or if field conditions are unsafe to continue play.

- No games or practices will be held when there is an active tornado warning for Johnston, IA.

Miscellaneous

- Player registration data and coach data will be submitted to Little League via the data center annually.

- Children should be supervised while playing on the playground equipment.

- The speed limit for the roads and parking lots within Lew Clarkson park is 5mph. Watch for small children around parked cars.

- Observe all posted signs. Players and spectators should be alert at all times for Foul Balls and Errant Throws.

- All concession stand instructions and safety procedures will be posted within the concession stand. These can be viewed on pages 12-17 of this manual.

- Any pets brought to the games must be under direct control of the owner and on a leash or other restraining device. Owners must clean up after their pets.

- No medication will be administered to any player unless done so directly by the child's parent. This includes aspirin, Tylenol or Ibuprofen.

- No alcohol or drugs are allowed within Lew Clarkson Park at any time.

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 JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL :

- Little League First Aid Awareness Training: **Recommended**
- Formal First Aid Certification: **Not Offered**
- CPR Certification and AED Use Training: **Not Offered**

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 JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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.

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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:

We provide in-person safety/first-aid training for all volunteers with a local provider or EMT annually. We require that one adult volunteer per team attend each year. Any volunteer who cannot attend the in-person training is required to complete the free online first aid awareness training provided by Little League.

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 JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL , league equipment/uniform director 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.

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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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 JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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 JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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 JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL , or to report a concern, please contact: League Facility Director

Facility Safety Resources:

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

CONCESSION STAND SAFETY

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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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

For more information about concession stand safety at JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL , or to report a concern, please contact: Concessions Manager

Concession Stand Safety Resources:

- Concession Stand Safety (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/concession-stand-safety-tips-12-steps-to-safe-sanitary-food-service/>)
- Concession Stand Safety Checklist (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/concession-stand-inspection-checklist/>)

TRAINING & EDUCATION

When volunteers are trained and prepared, it helps to prevent injuries, respond to emergencies, and create a positive experience for everyone involved. This section highlights the volunteer trainings that JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL requires and encourages.

Abuse Awareness Training

Little League requires all volunteers who undergo a background check to complete Abuse Awareness Training each year. JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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.

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL requires Safety Awareness Training for: 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.

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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.

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL requires Diamond Leader Training for Managers and Coaches.

Additional Trainings Offered or Encouraged

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL LL has indicated that it offers or requires the following additional trainings:

- Coaching Skills & Game Fundamentals Training
- AED Use Training

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

Additional information provided by your league:

We host league-wide skills nights in each division to help support the development of skills in all aspects of the game. We utilize older players as mentors who discuss and demonstrate skills, answer player questions, and talk about the mental aspects of the game.

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

JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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:

Officer of the Day always available to support coaches and managers. Officer of the day ensures accidents are reported to the league safety officer.

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

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. JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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")

2026 FACILITY SURVEY REPORT

This report provides an overview of the information submitted by JOHNSTON GIRLS SOFTBALL 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.

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Johnston, IA 50131

Facility survey last updated 3/26/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	15 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Double first base
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	Spray Paint
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

JENSEN 1

7501 NW 54th Ave
Johnston, IA 50131-8725

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Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	15 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Double first base, 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	Spray Paint
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

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

JENSEN 2

7501 NW 54th Ave
Johnston, IA 50131-8725

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Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	15 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Double first base, 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	Spray Paint
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

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

JENSEN 3

7501 NW 54th Ave
Johnston, IA 50131

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Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	15 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Double first base
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	Spray Paint
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

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

JENSEN 4

7501 NW 54th Ave
Johnston, IA 50131

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Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	15 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Double first base
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	Spray Paint
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

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

SIGNARAMA

7501 NW 54th Ave
Johnston, IA 50131

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Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	15 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Double first base
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	Spray Paint
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

VAN DEE'S

7501 NW 54th Ave
Johnston, IA 50131

Facility survey last updated 3/26/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
180 ft.	180 ft.	180 ft.	15 ft.	4 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Double first base
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	Spray Paint
Infield Surface	All-dirt or clay infield
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, Backstop

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	