



Welcome back to Miracle League Baseball! Our mission continues: To create positive life experiences for individuals with special needs and different abilities through baseball. We ask parents, athletes, coaches, volunteers, and guests to join us in returning to play responsibly by learning our new ground rules. Registration begins on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> with the following guidelines:

- All participants will be required to have a completed COVID Waiver on file prior to the season. See attached form and email completed form to: [Stan.barbraley@gmail.com](mailto:Stan.barbraley@gmail.com), or turn it in prior to the first game of the season.
- Wear a face covering over your nose and mouth. EVERYONE must wear masks or face coverings while at the Miracle League field. Exceptions may be made for individuals who experience health or sensory issues, contact Stan or Barbara Raley at [stan.barbraley@gmail.com](mailto:stan.barbraley@gmail.com) in advance for an exception.
- Avoid close contact with others. Please maintain at least 6 feet between yourself and others.
- Use hand sanitizer, or wash your hands often. Hand sanitizer will be readily available at the field.
- Our staff will clean and disinfect the facility after every game. Do your part by keeping your area clean and disposing of trash.
- All participants going on to the field will have their temperature checked. Stay home if you have had contact with someone with COVID, or are displaying any COVID19 symptoms, or have engaged in high-risk exposure activities such as large gatherings or air travel less than 10 days of your game.

#### **BUDDIES:**

- Players **must** provide their own consistent, family-preferred, high-school age (or older) Buddy who can participate on the ball field for the full six (6) game season.
- Buddies must wear facemasks/face coverings.
- Buddies must be registered as a Volunteer at [www.miracleleaguelou.org](http://www.miracleleaguelou.org). Players must provide the name of their Buddy at the time of sign-up. *Be advised that if you have not registered a Buddy for your player by **March 26<sup>th</sup>**, your player will not be assigned to a team.*

#### **GAME DAY:**

##### Pre-Game

- Players and Buddy's MUST report to the check in table (located at the right field baseline) for attendance, temperature and wellness check.
- Players should provide their own equipment (bat and glove). Batting helmets are optional and would also be the responsibility of each player to provide, if desired. All equipment must be labeled. Absolutely NO SHARING of personal equipment. Players that cannot provide their own equipment may talk to Stan or Barb Raley (League Directors of Operations) prior to the season to see if existing sanitized equipment can be used for the entire season.
- Participants should bring their own filled water bottles. No water coolers will be provided in the dugout.
- Participants will line up (social distancing) on the base lines for the National Anthem and announcements.

##### During the Game

- Participants must wear face masks.
- Balls hit or thrown after each play will be returned to the bucket cleaning station by the dugout on the third base side.

## Post Game

- At this time no high-fives, handshakes, or hugs on the base paths after the game. Coaches can be creative with their team to congratulate their opponents across the field.
- Please promptly leave the facility so sanitation can be completed before the next team arrives.

## **SPECTATOR NOTES:**

- Please consider bringing your own seating and shade. The bleacher seats will only allow for a few social distancing seats.
- At all times spectators are expected to maintain social distancing between family groups and wear face coverings.

## **COVID REPORTING:**

- If a player, volunteer, or spectator test positive for COVID or become aware they have been exposed to someone with COVID, do not contact coaches please **contact Stan and Barbara Raley immediately at (502)592-9164 or (502)445-9430.**

## **SCHEDULE:**

- In order to provide a fun and safe season, the Miracle League must limit the number of players on each team and at the field for each game. We intend to have teams of not more than eight (8) players play six (6) scheduled games beginning May 8 through June 19. No games on Memorial Day. Enrollment from registration of players will dictate the final number of teams, the schedule and game day decisions. Due to team size limits this season we cannot accept specific team requests, or make promises for specific team assignments. As always, we will strive to maintain team rosters when possible.

## **USE SOUND JUDGEMENT:**

- **We have missed seeing all of our players and families!** This past year has been a difficult time for all our Miracle League families. Social distancing, face masks and many other restrictions we have been dealing with are tough for our players to understand. While the League will do its best to make accommodations and provide the best experience possible for all our participants, we also recognize that not everyone will be ready to return to the ball field with the guidelines we are required to uphold. We depend on you to make the best decision for your family while considering others who are participating and following the guidelines set upon the League.

# COVID-19 Liability Release Waiver

For

Miracle League of \_\_\_\_\_ Baseball Programs

Due to the 2020-21 outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), We are taking extra precautions with the care of every player, family member, coaches and volunteers to include health history review and enhanced sanitation/disinfecting procedures in compliance with CDC guidance.

**Symptoms of COVID-19 include: • Fever • Fatigue • Dry Cough • Difficulty Breathing I agree to the following:**

- I understand the above symptoms and affirm that I, as well as all household members, do not currently have, nor have experienced the symptoms listed above within the last 14 days.
- I affirm that I, as well as all household members, have not been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 30 days.
- I affirm that I, as well as all household members, have not knowingly been exposed to anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 30 days.
- I affirm that I, as well as all household members, have not traveled outside of the country or to any city considered to be a "hot spot" for COVID-19 infections within the past 30-days.
- I understand that The Miracle League of \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be held liable for any exposure to the COVID-19 virus caused by misinformation on this form or the health history provided by each client.
- We are following these enhanced procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19: In order to protect each player, family members, coaches and all volunteers.
  - Taking Temperatures before entering complex
  - Washing Hands
  - Using Hand Sanitizer enhancing protection
- By signing below, I agree to each statement above and release The Miracle League of \_\_\_\_\_ from any and all liability for unintentional exposure or harm due to COVID-19.

\_\_\_\_\_ Please Print Name & Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

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