



HINSDALE LL 2026 SAFE SUMMARY

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Dear Volunteers, Parents/Guardians, and Players:

Hinsdale Little League 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,

Hinsdale Little League Board of Directors

LEAGUE LEADERSHIP AND CONTACTS

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

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

CHILD PROTECTION

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

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

1. Annual Background Checks

HINSDALE 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

HINSDALE 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

HINSDALE 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

HINSDALE 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

HINSDALE LL has adopted the Little League One-on-One Interaction Policy, which requires that all interactions between adults and minors be observable and interruptible by another adult. This reduces opportunities for misconduct while still supporting positive mentoring relationships.

Best Practice: Reinforce child protection expectations clearly and consistently so volunteers know what to do and who to contact.

- Review expectations with all volunteers at the start of each season.
- Make reporting steps clear and easy to follow.
- Keep child protection policies easily accessible.

Child Protection Resources:

- Little League Abuse Awareness Training (<https://www.littleleague.org/university/articles/abuse-awareness-training-course/>)
- Full Little League Child Protection Program (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/>)
- State-Specific Background Check Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-laws-background-checks-leagues/>)
- State - Specific Mandatory Reporting Laws (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/state-specific-information-child-abuse/>)
- J.D.Palatine(JDP) Background Checks (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/local-league-background-check-information/>)
- USA Baseball – Abuse Awareness Resources (<https://usabdevelops.com/page/4834/base>)
- U.S.Center for SafeSport – Reporting and Education (<https://www.littleleague.org/player-safety/child-protection-program/safesport-resources-parents/>)
- ChildHelp National Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-4-A-CHILD)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Being prepared for unexpected situations helps keep players, volunteers, and families safe. The information below highlights the emergency procedures and contacts in place during all league activities.

Emergency Contacts

- In any emergency situation, volunteers should immediately **call 911**
- Poison Control is also available nationwide at **1-800-222-1222**

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.

HINSDALE 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:

WEATHER

Chicago suburban weather in the spring is, at best, unpredictable. On those days when the weather turns bad and creates unsafe weather conditions.

Rain:

If it begins to rain:

1. Evaluate the strength of the rain. Is it a light drizzle or is it pouring?
2. Determine the direction the storm is moving.
3. Evaluate the playing field as it becomes more and more saturated.
4. Stop practice if the playing conditions become unsafe -- use common sense. If playing a game, consult with the other manager and the umpire to formulate a decision.

Lightning:

The average lightning stroke is 5-6 miles long with up to 30 million volts at 100,000 amps flow in less than a tenth of a second.

The average thunderstorm is 6 to 10 miles wide and moves at a rate of 25 miles per hour.

Once the leading edge of a thunderstorm approaches to within 10 miles, you are at immediate risk due to the possibility of lightning strokes coming from the storm's overhanging anvil cloud. This fact is the reason that many lightning

deaths and injuries occur with clear skies overhead.

On average, the thunder from a lightning stroke can only be heard over a distance of 3-4 miles, depending on terrain, humidity and background noise around you. By the time you can hear the thunder, the storm has already approached to within 3-4 miles!

The sudden cold wind that many people use to gauge the approach of a thunderstorm is the result of down drafts and usually extends less than 3 miles from the storm's leading edge. By the time you feel the wind, the storm can be less than 3 miles away!

If you can HEAR, SEE OR FEEL a THUNDERSTORM:

1. Suspend all games and practices immediately.
2. Stay away from metal including fencing and bleachers.
3. Do not hold metal bats.
4. Get players to walk, not run to their parent's or designated driver's cars and wait for your decision on whether or not to continue the game or practice.

Severe Weather Warning System

The Severe Weather Warning System has been instated in Hinsdale and is operated daily from March through November. This system helps you assess but is not intended to guarantee safe conditions. If weather is threatening and no alarm is heard, clear the area.

The system has two audible warnings:

1. 15-second blast: The warning horn sounds a 15 second blast when a potentially dangerous weather situation approaches. Clear the area immediately and seek shelter (building or hardtop vehicle).
2. Three 5-second blasts. This is the all-clear signal. It signifies reduced danger and you can continue with the activity. If no all-clear signal after 20 minutes, cancel your activity.

COLD WEATHER:

Hinsdale Little League will use Accuweather's calculation of RealFeel to determine whether it is too cold to play. Accuweather is a nationally recognized weather source available on everyone's computer or phone. We're probably all aware of their RealFeel metric which incorporates temp/humidity/clouds/sun etc. The RealFeel of 45 degrees is the metric we will use to decide to play/not play on a given date. It is also entirely possible that on occasion we will play the 5:30 games but cancel the 7:15 games if forecasts indicate falling temps. RealFeel is an objective metric meaning it doesn't care if it was raining yesterday and thus might be damp or earlier this afternoon. It just is what it is which makes it an easy call. It is also forecasted, which is useful. Also, it does not automatically mean we play ball. Active rain, saturated fields, immediate severe weather forecasted etc. could cancel games regardless of temperature.

HOT WEATHER:

One thing we do get in the Chicago suburbs is hot weather (sometimes!!). Precautions must be taken in order to make sure the players on your team do not dehydrate or hyperventilate.

1. Suggest players take drinks of water when coming on and going off the field between innings. (Drinking fountains are located near most dugouts)
2. If a player looks distressed while standing in the hot sun, substitute that player and get him/her into the shade of the dugout A.S.A.P.
3. If a player should collapse as a result of heat exhaustion, call 9-1-1 immediately. Get the player to drink water and use the instant ice bags supplied in your First-Aid Kit to cool him/her down until the emergency medical team arrives. (See section on Hydration)

Ultra-Violet Ray Exposure:

This kind of exposure increases an athlete's risk of developing a specific type of skin cancer known as melanoma. The American Academy of Dermatology estimates that children receive 80% of their lifetime sun exposure by the time that they are 18 years old.

Therefore, Hinsdale Little League recommends the use of sunscreen with a SPF (sun protection factor) of at least 15 as a means of protection from damaging ultra-violet light.

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 HINSDALE LL:

- Little League First Aid Awareness Training: **Recommended**
- Formal First Aid Certification: **Not Offered**
- 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.

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

HINSDALE LL does not have a concussion protocol in place but is working towards creating protocols for recognizing and responding to potential head injuries. 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.

HINSDALE 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.

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 HINSDALE 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.

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

HINSDALE 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

HINSDALE 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 HINSDALE 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 HINSDALE 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:

1. Speed Limit 5 mph in roadways and parking lots while attending any Hinsdale Little League function. Watch for small children around parked cars.
2. No Alcohol allowed in any parking lot or Peirce/Robbins Park.
3. No Playing in parking lots at any time.
4. No Playing on and around lawn equipment
5. Use Crosswalks when crossing road ways. Always be alert for traffic.
6. No Profanity please.
7. No Swinging bats or throwing baseballs at any time within the walkways and common areas of Peirce/Robbins Park
8. No throwing or hitting balls against dugouts or against backstop.
9. No throwing rocks.
10. No horse play in walkways at any time.
11. No climbing fences.
12. No unleashed pets are permitted at Hinsdale Little League games or practices.
13. Observe all posted signs. Players and spectators should be Alert at all times for Foul Balls and Errant-Throws.
14. During game, players must remain in the dugout area in an orderly fashion at all times.
15. After each game, each team must clean up trash in dugouts and around stands.
16. All gates to the batting cages must remain closed at all times.

For more information about facility safety at HINSDALE 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/>)

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 HINSDALE LL helps maintain a safe concession operation throughout the season.

HINSDALE LL has confirmed that its concession stand(s):

- Follow all applicable local health and safety regulations
- Provide volunteers with guidance in safe food handling and equipment use
- Maintain a working fire extinguisher that is readily available
- Keep first aid supplies in the concession stand
- Do not allow minors to work in or remain inside the concession stand during operating hours

Best practice: Post simple safety reminders inside the concession stand so volunteers can quickly review expectations before each shift, including:

- Handwashing steps
- Safe food temperatures
- Equipment shut-off procedures
- Location of the fire extinguisher
- Emergency contact information

Additional information provided by your league:

All concession Stand workers must follow the following guidelines!

- Disposable gloves should be worn at all times.
- Observe & follow all posted signs in the concession area.
- Keep hot dogs refrigerated until putting them onto the hot dog grill.
- Do not re-heat unused food products. If it is not sold it must be discarded.
- Use dispensing tools to serve food. Do not pickup food with your hands.
- Only healthy people can prepare and serve food in the Pitchin' Kitchen;
if you are sick, have a cold, fever, etc. please call and reschedule your time.
- Frequent hand washing is required. Wash hands after handling perishable food, using the restroom or touching unclean
- Dishwashing must be done in HOT soapy water. Rinse in clean water and air dry, continually wipe down the counters with disinfectant to bacteria and germs.
- Place garbage in refuse container with a tight-fitting lid.
- Thoroughly clean the concession area each night with clean cloths and disinfectant

For more information about concession stand safety at HINSDALE LL, or to report a concern, please contact: League Safety Officer

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 HINSDALE LL requires and encourages.

Abuse Awareness Training

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

HINSDALE LL requires Safety Awareness Training for: Not Required in our League.

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.

HINSDALE 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.

HINSDALE LL requires Diamond Leader Training for League Officers/Board Members, Managers and Coaches.

Additional Trainings Offered or Encouraged

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

- Coaching Skills & Game Fundamentals Training
- CPR Certification
- 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.

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

HINSDALE 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:

What to report - An incident that causes any player, manager, coach, umpire, or volunteer to receive medical treatment and/or first aid must be reported to the Director of Safety. This includes even passive treatments such as the evaluation and diagnosis of the extent of the injury or periods of rest.

When to report - All such described above must be reported to the Director of Safety within 48 hours of the incident. The Director of Safety 2024 is Preston Tims and he can be reached at (312) 420-7915 or Email (prestontims@outlook.com)

How to make the report - reporting incidents can come in a variety of forms. Most typically they are telephone conversations. At a minimum, the following information must be provided

1. The name and phone number of the individual involved
2. The date, time, and location of the incident
3. As detailed a description of the incident as possible
4. The preliminary estimation of the extent of any injuries
5. The name and phone number of the person reporting the incident

Director of Safety's Responsibilities - Within 48 hours of receiving the incident report, the Director of Safety will contact the injured party or the party's parents and (1) verify the information received; (2) obtain any other information deemed necessary; (3) check on the status of the injured party; and (4) in the event that the injured party required other medical treatment (i.e., Emergency Room visit doctor's visit etc.) will advise the parent or guardian of the Hinsdale Little League's insurance coverage and the provisions for submitting any claims.

To the extent of the injuries are more than minor in nature, the Director of Safety shall periodically call the injured party to (1) check on the status of any injuries, and (2) to check if any other assistance is necessary in areas such as submission of insurance forms, etc. until such time as the incident is considered "closed" (i.e., no further claims are expected and/or the individual is participating in the league again).

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. HINSDALE 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:

1. The responsibility of implementing this Safety Plan is that of members of the Hinsdale Little League Board of Directors and in particular the President and Safety Officer. All volunteers and coaches are given a copy of this Safety Plan and copies are available at the Pitchin' Kitchen and Umpires room.
2. Arrangements should be made in advance of all games and practices for emergency medical services to be readily available.
3. Managers, coaches and umpires should have training in first-aid. All members of the Board of Directors of Hinsdale Little League have been certified in CPR the use of AED devices and First-Aid kits in the green equipment boxes at each field in addition to the equipment room at the Pitchin' Kitchen. Each coach should have their own first aid kit for the games and practices. An AED is located at the Pitchin' Kitchen.
4. No games or practices should be held when weather or field conditions are poor, and particularly when lighting is inadequate.
5. All areas of play should be inspected by coaches, umpires and supervisors frequently for holes, damage, stones, glass and other foreign objects BEFORE and AFTER use.
6. All team equipment should be stored within the team dugout, or behind screens, and not within the area defined by the umpires as "in play".
7. Only players, managers, coaches, and umpires are permitted on the playing field or in the dugout during games and practice sessions.
8. Responsibility for keeping bats and loose equipment off the field of play should be that of a player assigned for this purpose or the team's coaches.
9. Before each game and practice, a procedure should be established for safely retrieving foul balls batted out of playing area.
10. During practice and games, all players should be alert and watching each pitch.
11. During warm up drills players should be spaced so that no one is endangered by wild throws or missed catches.
12. All pre-game warm ups should be performed within the confines of the playing field or batting cages and not within areas that are frequented by spectators, and thus endangering them (i.e., playing catch, pepper, swinging bats, etc.)
13. Equipment should be inspected regularly for the condition of the equipment as well as for proper fit, and should be replaced if necessary.
14. Batters must wear Little League approved protective helmets during batting practice and games. .
15. Catchers must wear catchers helmet, mask, long model chest protector, shin guards and protective cup with athletic supporter at all times (males) for all practices and games. NO EXCEPTIONS. Managers should encourage all male players to wear protective cups and supporters for practices and games.
16. Except when a runner is returning to a base, head first slides are not permitted.

17. During sliding practice, bases should not be strapped down or anchored.
18. At no time should "horse play" be permitted on the playing field.
20. Player must not wear watches, rings, or metallic items during games and practices.
21. The Catcher must wear catcher's helmet and mask in warming up pitchers. This applies between innings and in the bullpen during a game and also during practices.
23. See a need to add to this safety code or plan? Contact: Preston Tims, Director of Safety (312) 420-7915.

2026 FACILITY SURVEY REPORT

This report provides an overview of the information submitted by HINSDALE 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.

PEIRCE NE FIELD

212 Mills St
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Facility survey last updated 1/6/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
120 ft.	120 ft.	120 ft.	10 ft.	8 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Double first base
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit, Lightning detection/warning system, Weather shelter/safe area

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, 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	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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Handrails	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Overhead Screens	

PEIRCE NW FIELD

212 Mills St
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Facility survey last updated 1/6/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
180 ft.	180 ft.	180 ft.	20 ft.	8 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Batter's eye, Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit, Fire extinguisher

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	<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	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	Limited time allowed for practices, Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled, School or municipal policies that impact scheduling

Bleachers

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

PEIRCE SE FIELD

212 Mills St
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Facility survey last updated 1/7/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
140 ft.	130 ft.	130 ft.	10 ft.	8 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases, Double first base
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit, Fire extinguisher, Lightning detection/warning system, Weather shelter/safe area

Field and Playing Area

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

Lighting

Lights Installed	No
Pole Type	Steel
Underground Wiring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Light Poles Grounded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date Electrical System Last Inspected	3/1/2017
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

Bleachers

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

or municipal policies that impact
scheduling

PEIRCE SW FIELD

212 Mills St
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Facility survey last updated 1/7/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
200 ft.	200 ft.	200 ft.	15 ft.	8 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

Parking Capacity	51-100
Bleacher Capacity	301-500
Ownership	Municipality
Maintenance Responsibility	League

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Batter's eye, Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Bullpen, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit, Fire extinguisher, Lightning detection/warning system, Weather shelter/safe area

Field and Playing Area

Field is Fenced	Permanent
Fence Material	Chain-link
Basepath Material	Soil
Baseline Marking Material	Lime
Infield Surface	Grass
Playing Features	Permanent pitching mound, Foul poles, 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	Yes
Scheduling Limitations	Limited time allowed for practices, Restrictions on the number of teams or games scheduled, School

Bleachers

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

or municipal policies that impact
scheduling

PEIRCE W FIELD

520 East Walnut St.
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Facility survey last updated 1/7/2026

Field Dimensions

Left Field	Center Field	Right Field	Backstop	Outfield Fence Height
180 ft.	190 ft.	190 ft.	10 ft.	8 ft.

Left Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	Third Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	15 ft.	10 ft.

Right Field Foul Territory

Home Plate	First Base	Foul Pole
20 ft.	15 ft.	100 ft.

General Details

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

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Outfield warning track, Pitcher's eye, Dugout fencing, Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	AED (Automated External Defibrillator), First aid kit, Fire extinguisher, Lightning detection/warning system

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

ROBBINS N

611 S. Madison St.
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Facility survey last updated 1/7/2026

Field Dimensions

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

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

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	Backstop

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

ROBBINS SE FIELD

611 S. Madison St.
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Facility survey last updated 1/7/2026

Field Dimensions

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

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

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	Backstop

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	

ROBBINS SW FIELD

611 S. Madison St.
Hinsdale, IL 60521

Facility survey last updated 1/7/2026

Field Dimensions

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

Left Field Foul Territory

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

Right Field Foul Territory

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

General Details

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

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	Backstop

Emergency Equipment

Safety Features	Disengageable bases
Emergency Equipment Available	

Lighting

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

Field Usage

Field Used for Tournament Play	No
Scheduling Limitations	

Bleachers

Material	Metal
Annual Inspection	
Safety Railing	
Handrails	
Overhead Screens	