

Cape Elizabeth Little League FAQ

How is CELL handling COVID protocols?

A: CELL is following the State of Maine CDC guidance for community sports. The link can be found: <https://www.maine.gov/decd/checklists/community-sports>

This guidance was last updated for winter sports, however based on current guidance both baseball and softball are in Level 4, which allows competition between teams from the same geographic area.

As Opening Day gets closer, we would expect the state to update its guidance and that will help inform CELL's specific protocols.

What is CELL's refund policy?

A: CELL's refund policy has always been to refund registration fees at any point the registrant asks prior to the season commencing. Once the season starts CELL handles requests on a case by case basis. We understand that this year is different, and should a family decide once the season begins we will make as reasonable an effort to offer a refund as possible, finances permitting.

Does CELL offer financial aid to offset registration fees?

A: Yes. Our goal is to have every kid who wants to play to be able to play. Reach out to Kevin Justh at kevinjusth@gmail.com or Mike Schoenbaum at mike.schoenbaum@gmail.com.

What if the season start is delayed, or the season is cancelled?

A: While it is our expectation that the season will commence on schedule, should it be delayed refunds will be offered. If the CELL board believes a regular season is not possible, full refunds will be issued promptly upon such a decision.

Does my son/daughter need their own bat/helmet/catchers gear/glove?

A: Each kid should have their own glove. Kids are not required to have their own bats, but if you're going to purchase a bat please make sure it meets the Little League guidelines: <https://www.littleleague.org/playing-rules/bat-rules/>. Stores like Dick's (a CELL supporter) will also be able to provide assistance. Each team will have team bats available.

CELL has enough catching equipment that each team in the kid-pitch divisions will have at minimum 2 complete sets. In order to avoid sharing gear more than is necessary, coaches will work with the players to determine who will be catching in a given practice or game.

CELL has extra batting helmets available should players not have their own; there is no requirement that a player have their own batting helmet.

Are there going to be pre-season clinics offered as in years past?

A: There are no clinics planned for the 2021 season.

How will assessments be handled for the AAA and Majors baseball divisions?

A: In a change from previous years, the current plan will be to only provide assessments for players new to Cape or for families who specifically ask for their kids to be assessed. More details will be forthcoming in March. No player will be required to attend an assessment. The drafts will be conducted under the supervision of the league directors with input from the player agent. The league director, player agent, and league president/vice president will have the final decision on team composition.

Will the snack shack be open this year?

A: Right now CELL is planning to NOT operate the snack shack. A firm decision will be made closer to season commencement, and may change during the season as guidelines dictate.

When is Opening Day, and what will happen on that day?

A: Currently Opening Day is set for Saturday, May 1. Field use is dictated by weather conditions as determined by the town. As of February 13 a traditional Opening Day ceremony is unlikely to occur.

Will there be team or individual photos?

A: TBD, but we'd like to try if possible.

My son wants to play softball/my daughter wants to play baseball...can they?

A: Yes! CELL is gender-neutral in its programs, we welcome all kids to play the sport they wish to play.

How can I be involved in CELL if I can't commit to coaching?

A: How about becoming an umpire? We can provide one on one training, all equipment, all games are between Cape teams, and it's a rewarding way to be involved in the community. Or, talk to your coach about pitching in for field prep/maintenance. Reach out to Kevin Justh at kevinjusth@gmail.com for more info.

I want to promote my business or advertise at one or more of the CELL fields. Who can I contact?

A: We welcome folks who want to hang banners from the outfield fences. Please contact Terry Gray at paindocmcpm@gmail.com for more information.

Will players be required to wear masks?

A: Yes. Although it is possible state guidance may evolve, at this point it seems certain that everyone involved in CELL events will be required to wear masks at all times (except when eating/drinking.) Existing physical distancing guidelines will remain in place for spectators, coaches, and players when not on the field of play.

Will this be fun?

A: Absolutely! The all-volunteer board of CELL is committed to providing a safe and rewarding physical, social, and emotional experience for our community. We'll need the support of our amazing families, but we're confident that we can make this a rewarding season for our kids.