

Brighton Baseball and Softball Emergency Telephone Numbers

Emergency.....	911
Brighton Volunteer Ambulance	271-2718
Brighton Police Dept. (non-emergency)	473-3151
Brighton Fire Dept. (non-emergency).....	381-1122

Board of Directors to Contact Regarding Safety Issues

Co-commissioner	Dave Zorn.....	256-3223
Co-commissioner	Larry Davis.....	256-0662
Safety	Bill Varade.....	244-3858
Fields	Richard Krebs	442-6521
Equipment	Dave Zorn.....	256-3223

League Presidents

SIP	Alan Ginsberg.....	244-6887
Rookies	Peter Clement.....	473-0705
Minors	Alan Ginsberg.....	244-6887
	Tim Nolan.....	244-3392
Majors BB	Steve Rauh	473-9060
Juniors, Seniors BB	Larry Davis.....	256-0662
Big League BB	Rob Wasserman	442-1224
Softball	Lisa Campbell.....	473-5943
	Kevin Campbell.....	473-5943

Locations of Brighton Baseball and Softball Fields

When calling for emergency assistance, rather than trying to remember, while frazzled, the directions to your field, just read the directions as written below to the operator. In this way you will avoid the chance of leaving out important information.

Main Campus, Diamonds 1-8: South Winton Road just south of Twelve Corners (Winton Road and Elmwood and Monroe Aves) behind Brighton High School.

Diamonds 0, 1, 2, 2A are between Twelve Corners Middle School and Brighton High School. Accessible from Winton Road.

Diamond 3 is directly behind Brighton High School on Winton Road.

Diamonds 6, 7, and 8 are located along the back fence of the campus. **Diamond 7** is closest to the rear parking lot of Don and Bob's on Monroe Ave. **Diamonds 6 and 8** are accessible from the far rear of the Brighton High School parking lot, behind the bus garage. **Diamond 6** lies between Diamonds 7 and 8.

Meridian Center Fields 0, 1 and 2: Traveling south on South Winton Road turn right at the traffic light just south of the intersection with French Road and the entrance to The Jewish Home. The fields are behind the Meridian Center office buildings.

Blossom Road Field: On Blossom Road, the field is on the south side of the street just west of the entrance ramp to Rte 590 South.

Brighton Town Park Field: On the south side of Westfall Road just east of the intersection with South Clinton Ave.

Brighton Baseball & Softball Coaches' Safety Guidelines

Brighton Baseball and Softball strives to provide all participants with a safe and secure environment in which to learn and develop baseball and softball skills. To provide this environment, safety issues are kept foremost - from the consideration of the volunteers who make this organization possible to all aspects of play, equipment, and facilities. In keeping with National Little League Policies all volunteers in our organization are screened against a list of known sexual abusers maintained by the Brighton Police Department. We ask your cooperation in always keeping safety issues in mind during practices and games. Below is a list of responsibilities of coaches that relate to player safety. Please review this list and incorporate these safety checks into your practice and game routine.

Pre-season Training:

1. Teach proper throwing and catching techniques in order to avoid arm strain and to minimize the chances of impact injuries when catching the ball.
2. Emphasize that a player, or coach, should not throw a ball to another player unless the player is ready to receive the ball.
3. **THERE IS NO ON-DECK BATTER** in all the 12 and under leagues (SIP through Majors). Players may take 1 or 2 practice swings before they step into the batter's box. The only player on the team with a bat in his or her hands should be the batter at the plate.
4. Teach players the safe way to avoid inside pitches.
5. Teach and practice proper sliding technique.
6. Teach and practice proper positioning of defensive players at each of the 3 bases and home plate so that collisions are avoided.

Player Equipment:

1. No jewelry allowed.
2. Safety glasses only.
3. No metal cleats.
4. Make sure water or sports drinks are available on hot days. Encourage players to drink frequently.
5. Make sure players have jackets to wear when on the bench on cold days.
6. All male catchers must wear protective cups. Encourage male players to wear protective cups regardless of position.

Team Equipment:

1. Before every game, inspect the catcher's equipment and make sure all straps and the neck guard are intact. Make sure the catcher's helmet is the proper size for your catcher.
2. Inspect all batting helmets for cracks before each game. Any helmet with a crack must be discarded.
3. Make sure all face guards are secure on batting helmets.
4. Contact Dave Zorn (256-3223) regarding broken equipment and replacement.

Facilities:

1. Inspect field before every game. Make sure all debris, glass, cans, etc., are removed from the playing surfaces.
2. Fill all holes or defects in the playing surface with supplemental dirt.
3. Make sure there are 2 adults at each practice or game and that there is a cellular phone available for emergencies.
4. Call Richard Krebs (442-6521) regarding issues with fields and facilities.

First Aid:

1. Each coach has a first aid kit in their equipment bag. Inspect contents and replace items that are used. Call Dave Zorn for replacements.
2. Liquid ice packets are provided to each coach. Be sure at least 3 packets are brought to each game.
3. Wear gloves if there is any bleeding.
4. If a mouth injury occurs and a tooth or tooth fragment is knocked loose, find the tooth or fragment and place it in wet gauze. Take it with the player for treatment immediately.
5. All injuries that require medical attention or cause a player to miss practice or game participation should be called into the League Safety Officer (Bill Varade, 244-3858),

Weather:

1. All games or practices must be stopped at the first evidence of lightning.
2. League rules about the latest starting time for an inning to begin should be strictly followed.

Emotional Issues:

1. If an injury occurs reassure the other players that the player will be cared for. Do not allow anger and potential out of control behavior to occur as a reaction to the injury. The team must stay in control.
2. Do not single out individual players for criticism.
3. Emphasize that one player does not win or lose the game. All plays leading up to the key play determine the games outcome.
4. At the end of the game, summarize what was done well, what you will work on at the next practice, etc. Never single out a player that did not perform up to your expectations.
5. Never leave a practice or game until all players have been picked up.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed !

Bill Varade
244-3858