



## Sun Safety Policy

### ***Steel Sports and Lasorda Legacy Park***

**Rationale:** Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in sunlight causes nearly all skin cancer cases. The risk for skin cancer can be greatly reduced when certain precautions are practiced. Therefore, Steel Sports and Lasorda Legacy Park are committed to promoting sun safety practices for and will implement the following sun safety policy:

**Policy:**

Steel Sports and Lasorda Legacy Park will support sun safety by:

- Supporting basic personal strategies for preventing skin cancer including:
  - Wearing sun protective gear when outside in sunlight including four inch wide-brimmed hats, and long-sleeved shirts and pants (weather permitting).
  - Using sunglasses with 100% UV protection, or prescription glasses with UV coating.
  - Applying broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF 15 or higher to exposed skin 30 minutes before going outside in the sunlight.
  - Reducing exposure to sunlight between 10am-4pm, when feasible.
  - Playing in shaded areas, when practical.
  - Seeking shade when outside in sunlight, when feasible.
- Making sunscreen (SPF 15+, broad-spectrum) available to players, coaches, spectators, and all park visitors free of charge to encourage sun safety while at Lasorda Legacy Park.
- Providing sun protective gear such as [hats, protective clothing, sunglasses] to in house youth teams and summer campers [prior to or at the start of season, annually, etc.] [as feasible, as program budget allows, etc.]
- Parents/caregivers of in-house youth teams and summer campers will be encouraged to provide sunscreen (SPF+ 15, broad spectrum), wide-brimmed hat, and other sun protective gear for their children when participating in Baseball Heaven league play, summer camps, and other special events.
- Encouraging Pro Shop vendor to provide sun protective gear such as [hats, protective clothing, sunglasses, and sunscreen] available for purchase at Pro Shop.
- Making shade available in strategic locations around Lasorda Legacy Park.

- Considering the availability of shade for visitors when planning special events and activities, and when renovating new or existing spaces at the park.
- Assessing existing shade as needed to determine if and where additional shade is needed to better protect players, coaches, spectators, and all park visitors.
- Including sun safety education into activities and special events, as appropriate.
- Providing sun safety training annually to coaches and other outdoor employees.
- Encouraging and promoting sun safety through on-site communications.
- Encouraging and promoting sun safety through online communications.
- When feasible, increasing sun safety encouragement between the hours of 10am to 4pm, when the sun's rays are strongest.
- Providing a copy of this sun safety policy to all coaches and employees, and parents/caregivers of children enrolled in house youth team league play and summer camp programs.
- Reevaluating this policy annually to reassess how to best reduce UV exposure and skin cancer risk for the Steel Sports and Lasorda Legacy Park community.

***Policy Monitoring and Review:*** Steel Sports and Lasorda Legacy Park leadership will evaluate this policy on an annual basis.

***Contact Regarding Policy:*** Contact Joe Sorgie with questions or concerns about the policy.

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***Date Policy Updated:*** N/A