

# LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL® WORLD SERIES

## CLEAR BAG POLICY

In a continued effort to enhance the safety, security, and experience of the hundreds of thousands of visitors and the hundreds of players and volunteers at the Little League Baseball® World Series (LLBWS) each August, Little League® International will be implementing a new Clear Bag Policy that will go in effect starting with the 2022 LLBWS.

Over the past few years, many stadiums, sport organizations, and other event venues have implemented a clear bag policy to enhance the safety and security of their events at the urging of law enforcement agencies. The safety and security of everyone on our complex remains a top priority for Little League International, and this policy will serve as an additional way to enhance those efforts with the support of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. In addition to increasing the safety standards at the Little League World Series, this new policy will assist Little League in expediting entrance into the complex to provide visitors with the best possible experience during their time in Williamsport.

As part of the policy, the following bags will be permitted at the security check point at the Little League International Complex:

- Clear Bags in the material of Plastic, Vinyl, or PVC (may not exceed 12 inches x 6 inches x 12-inches)
- **Small Purses or Bags** (may not exceed 6.5 inches x 4.5 inches)
- *Please note: Bags will be available at all security check point that meet size requirements.*

In addition, the following bags will be permitted at the security check point at the Little League International Complex, but subject to a thorough bag search at a separate, dedicated screening line. Visitors with these bags should plan to arrive earlier as they may experience a longer wait at security:

- **Diaper Bags** (person carrying diaper bag must be accompanied by a child under the age of three)
- **Medical Necessary Bags**

**PROHIBITED BAGS** include, but are not limited to:

- Clear Bags/Backpacks larger than 12 inches x 6 inches x 12 inches
- Cinch Bags that are not clear.
- Fanny Packs that are not clear or larger than 6.5 inches x 4.5 inches
- Mesh Bags
- Tinted or Printed Pattern Plastic Bags
- Folding Chair Bag (Folding chair is allowed without the bag)
- Hard or Soft Coolers

As always, fans can carry approved, personal items in their pockets or jackets, including keys, phones, wallets, and credit cards. Express entry lanes for those entering without a bag will also be available at the security check point.

Bags that do not meet the policy will not be permitted to enter the venue. Relocation/disposal of non-permissible bags off the Little League International Complex will be the responsibility of the owner. No bag check will be available. Little League International is not responsible for items left behind, lost, stolen, or damaged. As a reminder, free parking is available directly behind the Little League International Complex with easy access to the security check point for individuals needing to return non-permissible bags and items to their vehicles.

To provide additional support to those visitors who have prohibited items that they would like to return to their vehicle, Little League International will offer cart shuttle service from the gate entrances to the designated parking lot areas throughout the entirety of the event. Individuals using other transportation or

parking are encouraged to fully review Little League's prohibited items list prior to departing for the Little League International Complex.

**NOTE:** This policy pertains to bags and is not an all-inclusive list of items that are prohibited from being taken into the Little League International Complex. Guests are encouraged to bring only necessary items into the complex, and all fans and their belongings are subject to inspection at the entrances.

Please review the complete Prohibitive Items List for the Little League Baseball World Series at [LittleLeague.org/ProhibitedItems](http://LittleLeague.org/ProhibitedItems).

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. Why was this policy established?

Each year, Little League® International reviews its safety and security standards with its law enforcement and security partners involved with the Little League Baseball® World Series to find ways to continue to enhance the existing standards. Based on the recommendations from our law enforcement partners, combined with the continued emphasis on the safety and security of all those on the complex, the Little League International Security staff strongly believed in the adoption of this policy to enhance public safety and expedite the security screening process at the security check point. Little League International remains dedicated to providing all guests, participants, workers, and volunteers with a safe and memorable experience at the Little League Baseball World Series.

### 2. How does the new policy improve public safety?

A clear bag is easier and quicker to search and greatly reduces faulty bag searches. In addition to the numerous safety and security standards already in place at the Little League Baseball® World Series, the clear bag policy will assist security gate personnel while also providing security throughout the complex with increased visibility of belongings to support the Department of Homeland Security's "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign.

### 3. How does this make it more convenient for fans?

In addition to an increased level of security, the clear bag policy will enable Little League Baseball® World Series staff to move fans through the security check points much faster, allowing staff to be more efficient and effective in checking bags while enhancing the fan experience by reducing the length of time fans are standing in line. It's Little League® International's hope that shorter lines mean fewer hassles, all while guests enjoy an improved sense of safety.

### 4. What happens if I show up at the security check point with a bag that is not permitted?

Bags that do not meet the policy will not be permitted to enter the venue. Relocation/disposal of non-permissible bags will be the responsibility of the owner. No bag check will be available. Little League International is not responsible for items left behind, lost, stolen, or damaged. To provide additional support to those visitors who have prohibited items they would like to return to their vehicle, Little League International will offer cart shuttle service from the gate entrances to the parking lot areas throughout the entirety of the event. Individuals using other transportation or parking are encouraged to fully review Little League's prohibited items list prior to departing for the Little League International Complex.

### 5. How many bags can each person bring into the complex?

Each fan (adult and child) is permitted to bring one clear bag and one small purse/clutch that meets the Little League Baseball® World Series Clear Bag Policy.

- 6. Do fans have to put everything into the permissible bags, or can they carry additional items (i.e., cameras, binoculars, phones, etc.) separately from what they put in a clear bag?**  
No. Fans are still permitted to carry approved, personal items in their pockets or jackets, outside of what they have in their clear bag. For a complete listing of prohibited items, visit [LittleLeague.org/ProhibitedItems](http://LittleLeague.org/ProhibitedItems).
- 7. What about diaper bags?**  
Diaper bags are permitted into the Little League® International Complex if they are accompanied by a child under the age of three (3). It is important to note that while permitted, these bags are subject to a bag search and fans are encouraged to arrive earlier to accommodate. There will be a dedicated screening lane for diaper bags and medical necessary bags.
- 8. Does this clear bag policy affect my ability to bring a stroller into the complex?**  
No. Fans are still permitted to bring strollers onto the complex but will be subject to search upon entrance to the complex. In addition, strollers are still not permitted inside the stadiums and should be parked in the proper, designated stroller parking areas.
- 9. Are all purses prohibited?**  
No. Small clutch purses, with or without a handle or strap, that do not exceed 6.5 inches x 4.5 inches are permitted along with the other approved clear bags as outlined in the policy above.
- 10. Am I permitted to bring my pin trading bag into the complex?**  
Visitors are permitted to carry their pins in any bag or item that meets the bag policy. Pin trading at the Little League Baseball® World Series is a storied tradition that we know is important to many of our fans and visitors, so we want to make sure that those fans who would like to bring their pin trading collection can continue to do so. Clear pin bags are available at the Little League Gift Shop and at [ShopLittleLeague.org](http://ShopLittleLeague.org).
- 11. If I have certain items that I need to bring into the stadium for medical reasons and they won't fit in the clear bag, what do I do?**  
Fans are still permitted to carry approved, personal items in their pockets or jackets, outside of what they have in their clear bag, including items needed for medical use. In addition, Medically Necessary Bags will be permitted within the complex. It is important to note that while permitted, these bags are subject to a longer bag search at a separate, dedicated line and fans are encouraged to arrive earlier to accommodate.
- 12. What happens with any items and/or bags that I purchase while on the complex?**  
Fans that purchase bags at the Official Little League® Gift Shop and other retail locations on the complex are asked to keep the original tags and receipts on those items until they leave the complex. It is important to note, however, that once fans leave the complex, those items will not be permitted back into the complex unless they meet the specifications as outlined in the Clear Bag Policy.
- 13. Does this bag policy apply to credentialed volunteer, employees, media, and sponsors?** Individuals who display their Little League Baseball® World Series Credentials will be permitted to bring in camera bags, computer bags, backpacks and equipment bags designed for specific pieces of equipment necessary for the individuals' duties while at the event. These individuals will have to enter specific security check points for credential individuals and must have their credentials present to be permitted through this specific security check point. All bags will be thoroughly searched. Please contact your Little League Baseball World Series contact for more information.