

MOT Little League Coach's Code of Conduct



We, the MOT Little League, have implemented the following Coach's Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of managers and coaches in supporting their children in sports. Coaches should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league.

MOT Little League expects the following standards from all of its managers and coaches. All managers and coaches must adhere to this Code of Conduct.

Sportsmanship and the League

- 1. I will promote good sportsmanship, realizing that my team's and our league's reputation are built not only on playing ability, but also my team's behavior and treatment of others.
- 2. I will always support MOT Little League and Little League International, and will not discourage players from playing Little League, either now or in the future. I will speak positively about both organizations.
- 3. I understand that physical, verbal, or written abuse or bullying of spectators, players, coaches, umpires, or officials is never acceptable. Written communications such as emails, texts and social media posts are included.
- 4. I will not use profanity at any time at the Little League complex, especially around or directed at the players.
- 5. I understand alcoholic beverages and illicit drugs are expressly forbidden at all times at the Little League complex.
- 6. I will fully comply with all elements of the Player/Parents Code of Conduct.

Relationship with Umpires

- 1. I understand that only managers (not assistant coaches) may initiate or conduct discussions with an umpire.
- 2. I will refrain from complaining to the umpires, coaches, players, and spectators about judgment calls made by the umpires with which I do not agree.
- 3. I will respect the ruling of the umpires. If I have a question about a rule interpretation, I will ask for time-out, and privately talk to the umpire away from players, parents, and spectators. Once an umpire makes their final ruling, I will no longer question or argue against it.
- 4. I will give the umpires the respect that their position within the game deserves.



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Rules, Policies, and Safety

- 1. I will read, understand, and follow all rules, whether the rules are prescribed in the Little League Rulebook or if they are local rules specific to our league.
- 2. I will ensure that any parent taking on a coaching responsibility, whether during a game or practice, has passed a league background check before interacting with players.
- 3. I will adhere to all Little League safety guidelines as outlined in the Little League Rulebook and local rules. I will have a Medical Release Form for each player on my team.
- 4. I understand and will follow all minimum playing time rules for my division.
- 5. I will never knowingly try to bypass safety rules in order to win a game, including, but not limited to the use of illegal equipment, having players play in a position longer than allowed, and not adhering to league pitch count rules.
- 6. I will care for all MOT Little League equipment and facilities. I will not misuse equipment for non-Little League purposes. I will ensure that my team cleans up the field and dugout after each game and practice. I will not attempt to use a field after the game has been called due to weather.

Relationship with Parents and Players

- 1. I will provide instruction and training to all the players on my team, and help them develop their full potential as players. I will emphasize skills development and continually work to develop less skilled players.
- 2. I will maintain an open line of communication with players and parents. I am the primary point of contact between the league and the parents/players. I will promptly communicate information to them.
- 3. I will ensure that the fans of my team conduct themselves with sportsmanship before, during, and after games. If parents begin acting in an unsportsmanlike manner, I will assist umpires and officials in maintaining control and having parents follow the Player/Parents Code of Conduct.
- 4. I will ensure that my team shows sportsmanship at all times. Each player should be humble in victory and courteous in defeat. I also ensure that my team refrains from using profanity, taunting, and/or other verbal or written abuse directed at spectators, players, coaches, umpires, or officials.

Coach Name:	Date:
Print Name:	

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