

Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct

1. I agree to support the coaches, umpires, other officials of MVLL, other leagues we participate in and the leagues overriding goal of teaching the fundamentals, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and self discipline to the children in the league.
2. I agree to attend practices and games when possible and to act as a role model at all times.
3. Whenever possible, I will let my coach know in advance if my child will not be able to attend practice or a game.
4. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers and coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child. I will also respect and show appreciation for other parents beliefs.
5. I will pay attention to my sportsmanship. I will refrain from criticizing my coach's decision in front of players, arguing with the umpire's decisions, criticizing any player on the field, or using loud or abusive language. I understand that unsportsmanship like behavior on my part can result in my being asked to leave the area and that my child's team may forfeit the game if I refuse to do so.
6. I will remember that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
7. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to poor sportsmanship.
8. I will teach my child that doing their best is more important than winning, so that my child will not feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
9. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
11. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good player's performances for both my child's team and their opponents.
12. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect and understand that I am responsible for their actions.
13. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches on the team. I will leave coaching to coaches, ensuring not to publicly criticize the coaches, strategies or the the team; nor pressure my child or coaches about playing time and performance.
14. I understand that if my child cannot attend a practice / game, I will do my best to contact our coach to let them know. I further understand that my child's playing time may be compromised if attendance becomes a problem.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and / or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the organization(s) involved
- Game forfeit thought the official or coach
- Parental season suspension