

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Adopted by ALL/HPLL from THE NATIONAL YOUTH SPORTS SAFETY FOUNDATION

PREAMBLE

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I THEREFORE AGREE:

1. I will not force my child to participate in Alhambra/Holiday Park Little League.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the Manager of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of Little League Baseball and Alhambra/Holiday Park Little League.
5. I, and my guests, will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and other Little League events.
6. I, and my guests, will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, league official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health, wellbeing of the players.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, umpires, league officials and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game because of his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other players for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the Farm and T-Ball Division.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. **I will respect the umpire and their authority during the games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.**
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practice, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I also 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 Umpire, Manager and/or ALL/HPLL Board Member
- Suspension of the game where the violation is occurring
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by ALL/HPLL
- Parent season suspension

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name Printed: _____

Player Name: _____ Date: _____