



## Code of Conduct

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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 ideals.

### Therefore as a PARENT (and/or COACH), I agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will inform my child's coach of any physical disability/ailment that may affect the safety of my child/others.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players/coaches/umpires/spectators at every game, practice, or other event.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, league official, coach, player, spectator, or parent such as: booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; engaging in any aggressive or violent behavior; and/or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the players.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes before any personal desire to win.
14. I will respect the coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront any coach at the game field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
15. I will respect the umpires and their authority and will never aggressively challenge an umpire's decision either by raising my voice, gesturing or otherwise demonstrating dissent.
16. I understand that no physical contact with an umpire, coach, official, spectator, or player will be tolerated.
17. 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 little league events.
18. I will help ensure a litter-free environment (this includes picking up trash that may not be mine.)

**If I fail to abide by any of these rules and guidelines, I may be subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to the following:**

- Verbal warning by umpire, league official, coach, and/or league board member
- Written warning
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by RLL
- Season Suspension
- Permanent Ban from the RLL at the discretion of RLL

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Player Name / Parent (Guardian) Name / Parent (Guardian) Signature / Date