

Volunteer Code of Conduct Contract - What We Expect of You!

National Little League and your local Little League have mandated the following Code of Conduct. All Board members, coaches and managers will read this Code of Conduct and sign in the space provided below acknowledging that he or she understands and agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct. Sign the form below and provide a signed copy to the local League President.

Little League Code of Conduct:

No board member, manager, coach, player or spectator shall, at any time:

- Lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike an official.
- Be guilty of heaping personal verbal or physical abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision or judgment.
- Be guilty of an objectionable demonstration of dissent at an official's decision by throwing of gloves, helmets, hats, bats, balls, or any other forceful unsportsman-like action.
- Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game against the body of an opposing player.
- Be guilty of a physical attack upon any board member, official, manager, coach, player or spectator.
- Be guilty of the use of profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner at any time.
- Appear on the field of play, stands, or anywhere on the Little League fields or complexes while in an intoxicated state. Intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue.
- Be guilty of gambling upon any play or outcome of any game with anyone at any time.
- Smoke while in the stands or on the playing field or in any dugout. Smoking is not allowed on the complex.
- Be guilty of publicly discussing with spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner any play, decision or a personal opinion on any players during the game.
- As a manager or coach, be guilty of mingling with or fraternizing with spectators during the game.
- Speak disrespectfully to any manager, coach, official or representative of the league.
- Be guilty of tampering or manipulating any league rosters, schedules, tryouts, draft positions or selections, official score books, rankings, financial records or procedures.
- Challenge an umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including expulsion from the game.
- Disregard or intentionally violate National Little League Rules and Regulations as outlined in the Operating Manual, Official Little League Rules and Regulations, and the Local Little League Ground Rules. All National and Local Playing Rules, policies and procedures passed by the Local Board must be followed, whether or not you agree with the rule. Disregarding or violating these rules will be consider an infraction and subject to disciplinary action.
- Engage in any activity, which gives rise to, or could give rise to, an appearance of claim of self-dealing, divided loyalty or conflict of interest by such persons position with Little League. In the event a person has reason to believe his/her activities or anticipated activities could give rise to any such claim, he/she shall have a duty to disclose those activities to the President and Board of Directors. Any person violating the Conflict of Interest Policy outlined in the Operating Manual and Article VI of the By-Laws of Little League Baseball are subject to disciplinary action including, but not restricted to removal or suspension.
- Be engaged in the usage of Little League equipment or uniforms for non-Little League teams, organizations, activities or for personal benefit. The League President must approve in advance any special requests for use of league equipment or fields for non Jericho Little League events in accordance to board policies.
- Expose players, coaches or spectators to harm and unsafe conditions during practices, games or in transportation to and from locations for Little League activities. Coaches and managers must follow Little League safety procedures during practices and games, including use of proper safety equipment for players (i.e. batting helmets, catcher gear, etc.) All volunteers must follow and adhere to local league Safety Procedures.
- Violate or disregard the Little League Child Protection program outlined in the Operating Manual regarding the prevention of child abuse. All volunteers must complete an official volunteer application and are subject to a background check.
- No officer or board member of a Little League may hold an office or be a member of the board of any other youth baseball/softball league or function as an official or representative such a program as defined the Operating Manual.
- For All Star Tournament teams, I understand per National Little League 2008 rules that an individual that manages or coaches in another youth baseball program is *not* eligible to be appointed to manage or coach a tournament team in the Little League program at the same age division as defined in Regulation I (a).

The Board of Directors will review all infractions of the Code of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league.

I have read the Little League Code of Conduct and promise to adhere to its rules and regulations.

Signature

Date

Print name

Team Division (for coaching, if applicable)