

## LAWRENCE LITTLE LEAGUE COACH/MANAGER CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

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." Lawrence Little League agrees with this statement of principles. Coaches and Managers shall remain unconditionally supportive of Lawrence Little League's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. As a coach of young athletes in the Lawrence Little League program I agree to the following:

- I will do my best to make baseball a positive, fun experience for the players and their families.
- I will remain aware that I have a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the player and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will teach my players through example to respect our opponents and umpires.
- I will teach my players how to win with class and lose with grace.
- I will recognize and remember that the program is comprised of young athletes, not professionals; each one deserves encouragement not criticism.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players, as well as parents and other spectators, whether my team wins or loses.
- I will treat all players, parents, spectators, other coaches, and league officials with respect.
- I will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- I will always play within the established rules of the game.
- I will comply with the decisions of game and league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by Lawrence Little League.
- I understand that I may not question any judgment call.
- I will respect and support the umpires, their calls and their authority during games. I will not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the umpires.
- I will not use profanity towards any player, participant, coach, umpire, fan, or league official.
- I will not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, umpires, or fans by word or by gestures; I will applaud good play, and encourage a greater effort when mistakes are made.
- I will not yell at umpires; yelling shows great disrespect for the game of baseball and sets a poor standard of sportsmanship.
- I will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a player.
- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all program events, nor tolerate anyone under these influences during or after any program events particularly at the ballpark, stands and parking areas.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will represent Lawrence Little League in a professional manner at all times.
- I will express my concerns through proper channels in a dignified manner.
- I understand that violations may be reviewed by the Lawrence Little League Board which will render a final decision without further appeal.

I have read and understand this CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT and fully support it, its intent, and its essence.

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