

WVLL Coach Code of Conduct

West Valley Little League has implemented the following Coach Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of Coaches in supporting and developing players, and promoting good sportsmanship and safety. Coaches should read and understand the below prior to accepting a coach position. By accepting a Manager/Coach position, you hereby agree and pledge to provide a safe and supportive environment, demonstrate a positive attitude, and thereby acknowledge and agree:

- I will engage, teach and provide enjoyment to young players through participation in organized baseball and/or softball. Each player will be treated fairly, and his or her welfare will be uppermost at all times.
- I acknowledge that I have tremendous influence on the mental and physical growth of the player and, thus, will never place the value of winning above the value of good sportsmanship and character.
- I recognize that my conduct reflects on the entire West Valley Little League organization and will not act in a manner that jeopardizes the league or its relationship with players, families, or community partners.
- I will refrain from the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products when in contact with players.
- I will promote the entire Little League program and manage/coach my team in harmony with the mission and goals of West Valley Little League.
- I will, to the best of my ability, learn and understand the rules of Little League baseball/softball and teach them to my players. I will not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- I will organize practices that are enjoyable and challenging for the players. I will familiarize myself with the techniques and strategies of baseball/softball; I will encourage all of my players to be team players.
- I will respect and support umpires. I will not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the umpires and understand that public criticism of umpires, Little League officials or players will not be tolerated.
- Before and after games, I will engage the coaches of the competing team and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.
- I will maintain an open line of communication with parents and players and explain the goals and objectives of Little League.
- I will promote good sportsmanship in both winning and/or losing, promote and encourage players to show respect for others, to act and play with integrity, and take personal responsibility for their words and actions.
- I will be generous with my praise when it is deserved; I will be consistent, honest, fair and ethical; I will not berate players publicly or shame them.
- I will ensure that all players regardless of skill or ability are allotted at a minimum the guaranteed play time as required by Little League International.

I understand that there will be zero tolerance for coaches who intimidate, physically or verbally abuse players, officials, or participants at any Little League event. Further, I understand that myself and any other coach or assistant coach on my team guilty of improper conduct at any Little League event may be asked to leave the field of facility, and may be suspended or dismissed by the Board (in accordance with the rules and regulations as set forth by Little League International).

