



PLAYER AND PARENT EXPECTATIONS

Little League International Baseball and Softball have had a long standing tradition of promoting sportsmanship and fair play. The expectation of Mill Creek Little League is that we will emphasize values that stress child development, consistency and fair opportunities for all participants. Therefore, in order to promote these values of Little League International there are certain player and parent expectations that will be followed throughout our league.

PLAYER PLEDGE

*I trust in God
I love my country
And will respect its laws
I will play fair
And strive to win
I will always do my best!*

PARENT PLEDGE

*I will teach all children to play fair
and do their best
I will positively support all managers, coaches and players
I will respect the decisions of the umpires
I will praise a good effort
despite the outcome of the game!*

The Little League Pledge was written in 1954 by past President of Little League Baseball Peter J. McGovern. The Little League Pledge was drafted after Mr. McGovern became aware that local Little League programs were reciting the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance before games. Mr. McGovern wanted to give all leagues (not just those in the United States) a pledge reflecting some of the sentiments of the Pledge of Allegiance, minus the references to the U.S., while adding the elements of sportsmanship and the desire to excel.

Player Expectations of Mill Creek Little League ~ Players are expected to:

- Attempt to attend all practices and games and participate to the best of their ability
- Demonstrate positive sportsmanship at all times
- Be respectful of all teammates opponents, coaches, managers, umpires and adults involved with MCLL
- Properly balance their commitment to the family, school and team
- Follow all rules as established by Little League International, MCLL and the individual team

Parent Expectations of Mill Creek Little League ~ Parents are expected to:

- Make sure that players arrive at (and are picked up at) all practices and games at the appropriate time
- Communicate directly with coaching staff if your child cannot attend practice or game
- Demonstrate positive sportsmanship at all times
- Be respectful of all teammates, opponents, coaches, managers, umpires and adults involved with MCLL
- Follow all rules as established by Little League International, MCLL and individual team
- Communicate with coaching staff and league official in a respectful manner should a conflict or question arise

The following consequences will be used in the event that the above expectations are not met. Player and parent must:

- 1st offense - Meet with manager to discuss concerns with warning issued
- 2nd offense - Meet with manager and divisional director to discuss concerns with written (agreed) plan to follow
- 3rd offense - Meet with divisional director and vice president to discuss concerns and possible suspension
- 4th offense - Concerns brought to the MCLL Board of Directors for long term consequences

*****If at any time a player or parent refuses to meet with the manager, division director or vice president, the president will immediately bring the concern to the MCLL Board of Director for direction on a long term decision.**

*****The player and parents (guardians) are required to sign this form. Both parents (guardians) are required to sign this form if they will be attending their child's games.**

Please print player name

Team name and division

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date

Player signature and date

Parent/Guardian Signature and Date