

Zero Tolerance Policy

The Danvers American Little League will have a “zero tolerance” when it comes to the conduct of managers, coaches, players and spectators. This policy is to insure that all persons (parents, siblings, players, managers and coaches) can attend a Danvers American Little League game function and enjoy themselves.

Players and children of all ages should not have to be subjected to spectators that are negative or managers and coaches that cannot maintain a positive behavior before, during and after a game.

In no way are any of the following rules meant to deter a manager or coach from successfully directing its game, nor are any of the rules prohibiting spectators from positively cheering and supporting their team.

RULES:

1. Negative comments directed at Managers, Coaches, Players, Umpires and league staff will result in the immediate removal of the offender. If a spectator is involved, they will be asked to leave the park immediately by any member of the Board of Directors that is in attendance. If an individual refuses to leave the game, he / she will be **SUSPENDED**. The Danvers American Little League is granted permission by the Town of Danvers to utilize the fields to operate the program. In return, the Danvers American Little League has the responsibility to manage the facilities in a safe and professional manner and has the **authority** to remove individuals from the park that create a behavior problem that interferes with the safe operation of the facility.
2. Team personnel (managers, coaches and players) that get ejected from a game will automatically receive a minimum of a one (1) game suspension. A second ejection in the same season will result in an indefinite suspension pending a hearing of the Board of Directors with the individual involved. If the decision of the Board of Directors is to reinstate the individual and the same individual is ejected a third time in the same season, the action will result in immediate termination for the balance of the season. Individual will become ineligible for participating on any post season teams. The decision by the Danvers American Little League Board of Directors is **FINAL**.
3. Any physical altercations with spectators, managers, coaches, players, umpires and league staff will result in the offenders begin removed from the park and charges filed. Offenders will **NOT be PERMITTED** to return to any Danvers American Little League game for the remainder of the season (includes regular, post season and District 15 Tournament play).
4. Parents are requested **NOT** to communicate excessively with players during the game and can be asked by a member of the Board of Directors to leave the park if frequent occurrence interferes with the manager’s and coaches’ ability to direct the team.
5. Any Manager, Coach or Player that uses profanity that is directed to an Umpire will be immediately ejected from the game. “Trash Talking” will **NOT** be tolerated.