Coaches’ Responsibilities & Code of Conduct

Coaches – As you know, the children are the most important part of our league, therefore your position as a coach is an extremely critical position. The children that come to play the game under your guidance will form lifelong memories. The league's desire is to help you in any way to achieve the following:

1. The emphasis of my coaching will be to help create a fun experience for my players while helping them to develop their skills and good sportsmanship.

2. I will be generous with praise when it is deserved, be consistent, fair, and not criticize players publicly or yell at them.

3. To keep parents informed, I will maintain an open line of communication with my players and parents. I will listen to and implement any concerns/recommendations they may have.

4. I agree to learn and follow the rules of Little League that are applicable to my division.

5. I will be a positive role model for my players. No use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs or profanity will be allowed at any Little League function including post-game/post-season gatherings.

6. I will attend coaches meetings and trainings, and will implement the “Al & Al” Little League Official Education Program for Managers and Coaches.

7. I will maintain safety as a top priority.

8. I will show respect for the umpires even when I disagree with a call. I will wait for an appropriate time to ask for the reasoning for a call. I will not argue with, berate, or antagonize an official.

If players do not conduct themselves in accordance with the Player’s Code of Conduct, I will take the following corrective action:

1. I will talk to the player regarding the misconduct and advise what needs to be changed.

2. If the player continues the misconduct, I will inform the parent. I may suspend the player for one game or practice, notifying the division coordinator by filing a Communication Report.

3. If after suspension the misconduct continues, I will notify the division coordinator and further corrective action may take place by the Board, up to and including removal from the league.

If coaches do not conduct themselves in accordance with the above code of conduct, the division coordinator will take the following action:

1. If a coach has a verbal complaint against them, by an umpire, a parent, a player, a board member or a coach, the division coordinator will file a Communication Report and discuss the situation with the coach.

2. If a coach has had two or more written complaints (Communication Reports) against them by an umpire, a parent, a player, a coach, a board member, or the division coordinator, then that coach will need to appear before a majority of the Board of Directors, who will assess any action that may need to be taken against the coach.

3. The ruling of the Board of Directors will not be overturned.

I understand the Coach's Responsibilities & Code of Conduct. I agree to follow these regulations and will accept the Board of Directors ruling if I do not meet the standards of the Code of Conduct.

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Print Name                                      Signature                                      Date