

Kingsbury Park District – Mulberry Grove Youth Sports - Pocahontas Little League

Little League Code of Conduct

Applicable to Parents, Coaches, and Spectators

The mission of Little League is to provide a positive, fun, and safe environment where children can learn and enjoy the game of baseball and softball. This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations of behavior for all adults participating in league activities.

1. General Principles

- All participants will model integrity, fairness, and respect.
- Little League is for the children. All behavior should reflect what is best for their development and enjoyment.
- Disruptive or inappropriate conduct by adults will not be tolerated.

2. Expectations for All Adults (Parents, Coaches, Spectators)

Sportsmanship

- Demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, and officials.
- Applaud effort, teamwork, and good plays—regardless of the team.
- Do not engage in or encourage booing, taunting, or unsportsmanlike conduct.

Respect for Officials and Volunteers

- Treat all umpires, coaches, field supervisors, and volunteers with respect.
- Arguing calls or confronting officials or coaches will not be tolerated.
- Understand that umpires and coaches are trying to do their best for the players.

Supportive Conduct

- Encourage players to have fun, do their best, and respect the game.
- Avoid coaching from the stands or undermining the decisions of the coaching staff.
- Address concerns with coaches or league officials calmly, and at an appropriate time—not during games.

Safety and Environment

- Abide by all safety rules and policies established by the league.
- No use of alcohol, tobacco (including e-cigarettes), or illegal substances at games or practices.
- Help create a safe environment that prioritizes physical and emotional well-being.

3. Additional Responsibilities for Coaches

- Serve as a positive role model for players in attitude, behavior, and sportsmanship.
- Focus on player development, not just winning.
- Communicate clearly and respectfully with players and families.
- Ensure players have a safe and inclusive team environment.
- Encourage participation by all players and provide meaningful playing time.
- Maintain control of the team and engage with umpires professionally.
- Follow all league rules and policies.

4. Consequences for Misconduct

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in the following actions, depending on severity and frequency:

- **Game Suspension** – Temporary removal from attending or participating in one or more games.
- **Season Suspension** – Removal from league activities for the remainder of the season.
- **Permanent Dismissal** – Permanent removal from league participation.

All decisions regarding disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the League Organizers and enforced in accordance with league bylaws and policies.

5. Final Note

This league exists to serve children and teach them not only baseball or softball but life lessons through sport: teamwork, respect, humility, and perseverance. We ask every adult involved to uphold this Code of Conduct and help ensure that our fields are a place of learning, fun, and community spirit.