



PARENT / GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

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NORTH VENICE LITTLE LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

It is the goal of North Little League to provide a safe, fun and enjoyable environment for our children to play and learn the game of baseball. It should be the primary objective of every Board Member, Manager, Coach, Parent and Visitor to ensure that this goal is achieved and maintained in our League.

North Venice Little League has implemented the following Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand, and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league. It is the goal of the League that everyone feel empowered to remind those not in adherence to the "Code" that they need to be, for the sake of the kids.

PREAMBLE

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

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All persons participating in North Venice Little League must abide by a Code of Conduct, which includes the provisions, that follow:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and/or other league events.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing & taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.



7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of any participant, i.e. players, coaching staff, league officials and/or spectators.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize competition at the games in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco/vaping & alcohol, and I will refrain from their use on league premises and/or events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
18. I understand that infractions committed by myself (and my guests) could impact future participation in the league as a coach, manager, volunteer, and even as a NVLL community member.

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____I acknowledge and understand that if I violate any of the above provisions of the NVLL Code of Conduct at any game, practice, or league event, I will be asked to leave the premises and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension or a minimum of the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending games or volunteering as Manager, Coach, or Board Members.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please click [HERE](#) to review the NVLL Code of Conduct Enforcement Policy.