



Lake Wales Little League Manager and Coach Code of Conduct

1. Managers and coaches are to act as role models to the players at all times.
2. Managers and coaches must show good sportsmanship and are prohibited from swearing or using abusive language at all times.
3. Managers and coaches should create an atmosphere of encouragement for all players. Do not ridicule or discourage any player regardless of ability.
4. Managers and coaches must treat umpires with respect. If a manager or coach wishes to question a decision or discuss a situation, they must ask for time and, if granted, discuss the matter courteously.
5. A manager or coach must not abuse equipment.
6. Verbal abuse or ridicule of any player is prohibited.
7. Threats of physical abuse or pushing, shoving, grabbing of shoulders or similar forms of "discipline" are prohibited. Additionally, calisthenics, such as pushups, running and sit ups, are not to be used as forms of discipline. Managers and coaches should use calisthenics for physical conditioning only and only during practice and pregame warmups. All such calisthenics shall be conducted as a group and never assigned as individual tasks. Any form of calisthenics should be age appropriate.
8. Use of alcohol or tobacco at any Little League game, practice, trips to the batting cage, and similar functions is prohibited.
9. The manager shall be responsible for any prohibited activity of his coaches, parents, and players. All players, parents, and coaches are to be advised that the manager can be ejected or suspended for their behavior.
10. After the game begins, the manager and his coaches are to remain in the dugout at all times, except (a) when time is requested and granted for a conference with a player or umpire, or (b) when coaching first or third base, or (c) for an injury.
11. The manager and each coach must know the playing rules of both Little League International and Lake Wales Little League local rules and make sure the rules are obeyed at all times.
12. Only the manager and two (2) coaches are permitted in the dugout. Non-players are not allowed in the dugout or in the bullpens. In Tee Ball, Coach Pitch, and Mini-Minor divisions, a "Dugout Manager" may be used in addition to the two coaches to maintain order and discipline in the dugout.
13. Managers must be on time for games and practices and may not leave players unattended. They must assure that a responsible coach is available at all times when he/she cannot be present.
14. Managers must have lineup cards prepared before the game to assure timely starts.
15. The manager is responsible for all equipment. He must not allow players to throw or otherwise abuse equipment. A manager should turn in equipment promptly upon close of the season.
16. A manager must bring his roster and medical release forms to all practices and games.
17. Managers and coaches must not show favoritism to any player including their own children.
18. All teams above Coach Pitch Division must have an official scorekeeper and utilize them according to Little League rules. The scorekeeper should act as an independent game official and be directed in his/her actions by the umpire. Knowledge of the score and batting order is the responsibility of the manager.