

## **PLL PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

We, the Portland Little League Board of Directors, have implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message that it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting the youth of our community and their child in sports.

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are the foundations of sportsmanship and are demonstrated by the core principles of respect, responsibility, fairness, and good citizenship.

As a Portland Little League Parent, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in PLL by adhering to the following code of conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support at all times.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will not force children to participate in Little League.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will not confront coaches or managers at any time during games.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games.
- I will be responsible for the punctuality and attendance of all practices and games
- I respect the decision of the coaches regarding positioning on the field, batting order and playing time
- Respect on field disciplinary actions by the coach and understand there is a formal process regarding future consequences
- I understand alcoholic beverages and drugs and those already under the influence are prohibited during games and events.
- I agree to assist the coaches to implement consequences in a swift manner as to avoid further disruption to game play and to provide a safe environment for all participants.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the PLL Board of Directors or Code of Conduct Committee that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Parental and or player suspension for games
- Parental and or player season suspension
- Parental and or player removal from all league activities

The Portland Little League Board of Directors retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.

### **ZERO TOLERANCE BEHAVIOR POLICY**

To make Little League a more desirable, rewarding, and safe experience for all participants, Portland Little League has a zero tolerance policy regarding any inappropriate behavior by any volunteer, parent, player, or spectator. Any breach of the Code of Conduct, inappropriate behavior, obscene or abusive language in any form (including email and social media), actual or threatened physical harm, or any inappropriate physical treatment, will be reviewed promptly by the Board of Directors.

I understand that there will be zero tolerance for coaches who intimidate, harass, physically or verbally abuse players, officials, or participants at any Little League event. Further, I understand that myself and any other coach or assistant coach on my team guilty of improper conduct at any Little League event may be asked to leave the field of facility, and may be suspended or dismissed by the Board (in accordance with the rules and regulations as set forth by Little League International).

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