



2024 Northern Lights Little League

Manager, Coach, Parent, and Player

Code of Conduct

All 2024 Northern Lights Little League (NLLL) Managers, Coaches, Parents, and Players agree to be bound by this code of conduct through their participation in the NLLL 2023 season.

In 2024, NLLL will implement a zero-tolerance policy related to any forms of abuse (including verbal) against any NLLL umpire. This means any person will be ejected from the complex if this is occurring and in agreeing to participate in the 2023 NLLL program, everyone agrees not to verbally abuse any umpire.

Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will follow the Little League requirements related to player playing time.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- **I will not yell at or verbally abuse any umpire before, during, or after the game.**
- **I acknowledge that umpires are humans and will make mistakes but that we as a league and a team will move on from these mistakes.**
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will treat the facilities, including the fields, with respect and not damage them. This includes no soft toss against any of the fences.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules and I will teach these rules to my players. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills I teach. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.

Code of Conduct for Parents, Family Members, and Their Guests

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child/family member participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Conduct.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- **I will not yell at or verbally abuse any umpire before, during, or after the game.**
- **I acknowledge that umpires are humans and will make mistakes but that we as a league and a team will move on from these mistakes.**
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child/family member ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting or using profane language or gestures.
- I will teach my player to play by the rules at all times.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard and I will never ridicule or yell at my child or another player when a mistake is made.
- **I will not coach my child during the game, especially when the player is at bat, pitching or catching.**
- I will remember that the game is for youth - not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can to promote this goal.
- I will treat the facilities, including the fields, with respect and not damage them. This includes no soft toss against any of the fences.
- I agree to follow the 2022 NLLL Conflict Resolution Process (on the NLLL website) if I have an issue with how the Manager or any Coach is coaching my family member.

Code of Conduct for Players

- I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players' Code of Conduct.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.
- **I will not yell at or verbally abuse any umpire before, during, or after the game.**
- **I acknowledge that umpires are humans and will make mistakes but that we as a league and a team will move on from these mistakes.**
- I will attend every practice and game that I can and will notify my Manager/Coach if I cannot.
- I will support my team by doing my best at all times at practices and games.
- I understand that doing my best and demonstrating good sportsmanship are more important than winning.
- I will expect to receive a fair amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best and listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting or using profane language or gestures.
- I will play by the rules.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my best in school.