

East Stroudsburg Little League Baseball Code of Conduct

This document was adopted from Little League International and outlines East Stroudsburg Little League's (ESLL) Baseball Code of Conduct for Managers, Coaches, Players and Parents. It is provided to ensure all participants understand and practice principles of behavior that support the purpose of Little League baseball as identified by Headquarters National Little League Baseball, Williamsport, Pennsylvania:

1. *"Little League is a program of service to youth. It is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation. The movement is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens. It strives to inspire them with a goal and to enrich their lives towards the day when they must take their places in the world. It establishes the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and fair play."*

In light of this, the following Code of Conduct is designed to instill and maintain the highest level of sportsmanship, integrity, fairness and professionalism in the East Stroudsburg Little League Baseball program. All participants (Managers, Coaches, Parents, Volunteers and Players) accept responsibility for adhering to the Code of Conduct upon registration into East Stroudsburg Little League. Violations should be reported to the Little League Board for resolution:

Manager/Coach:

- Present an image of professionalism and competency, to include dress and appearance.
- Present exemplary behavior during all Little League and/or related activities.
- Demonstrate enthusiasm, honesty and respect for the game which necessarily includes fair play.
- Comply with established game, League and National Little League rules.
- Display and encourage sportsmanship; encourage the same by players and fans.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of players at the top of your priorities (to include a safe playing environment).
- Will not use tobacco, drugs or alcohol while involved in/around Little League and/or related activities.

Player:

- Present exemplary behavior during all Little League and/or related activities.
- Display and encourage sportsmanship at all times.
- Demonstrate respect to Managers, Coaches, Umpires, Volunteers and other players.
- Will not use tobacco, drugs or alcohol while involved in/around Little League and/or related activities.

Parents:

- Present exemplary behavior during all Little League and/or related activities, remembering that all Managers, Coaches and Board Members are volunteers.
- Display and encourage sportsmanship at all times.
- Demonstrate respect to Managers, Coaches, Umpires and players.
- Help maintain a clean and safe playing environment.
- Will not use tobacco, drugs or alcohol while involved in/around Little League and/or related activities.
- Parents Pledge:
 - *I shall set an example for sportsmanship for my child to follow. I shall emphasize team play to my child. I shall show by example respect for umpires, opposing teams and other fans. I shall not be a grandstand manager. I shall remember that not everyone can play at one time. I shall not be critical unless I'm willing to work to correct the problem. I shall attend my child's games because, it is important to them, they are not young forever. I shall be supportive when my child is successful or when struggling for success. I shall play and practice the skills of the game with my child. I shall be positive and supportive whether the team wins or loses. I shall remember that all managers, coaches and league officers are volunteers. I shall volunteer whenever possible. I shall retain perspective that there are no major-league scouts in the stands. I shall remember that the game is for the kids.*

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By signing this you agree to support and adhere to the East Stroudsburg Little League Baseball 2018-2019 Code of Conduct and If you are found to have acted improperly and in violation of this code of conduct you will be subject to an ESLL Board review and if found liable disciplinary actions and possible suspension from baseball could be imposed for any and all parties involved.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Check all positions that apply: Parent: ____ Player: ____ Coach: ____ Volunteer: ____ Board Member: ____

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