



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the Southern Highlands 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 an SHLL Parent, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in SHLL 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 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.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my own child to win.
- Alcoholic beverages are prohibited, nor is any type of smoking, vaping, of any kind near or around the baseball fields.

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 SHLL Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:

1. A verbal Warning
 2. Suspension from game/games
 3. Season suspension
 - A. Only **one** verbal warning by either the umpire or board member will be given.
 - B. If a parent or family member continues to engage, taunt, or use profane language towards any umpire, coach, board member, or opposing team player, they will immediately be asked to leave the premises. **This will also disqualify the head coach from coaching in the current and following game.**
 - C. Parent or family members removal from all league activities will be a SHLL board decision, and will be discussed with the head coach before a decision is made.
- **The SHLL Board of Directors retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.**

Parent(s) signatures _____/_____