



Boyne City Little League

Zero-Tolerance Policy

Boyne City Little League (BCLL) adopts a “zero tolerance” when it comes to the conduct of managers, coaches, players, and spectators. This policy is to ensure that all persons (spectators, parents, siblings, players, managers, coaches, and umpires) can attend or participate in a BCLL game or function and enjoy themselves. Players and children of all ages should not have to be subjected to spectators that are negative or managers and coaches that cannot maintain a positive behavior before, during, and after a game.

In no way is this Zero Tolerance Policy meant to deter a manager or coach from successfully directing their team or its game, nor is this Policy meant to prohibit spectators from positively cheering and supporting their team.

To curb abuses, umpires or board member will penalize team coaches, players, and parents whom, through verbal communications or physical gestures, make an obvious attempt to:

- Intimidate or embarrass an Umpire, Coach/Manager
- Challenge the authority or competence of an Umpire, Manager, Coach, or Board Member.
- Incite abuse or disrespect of any Umpire, Parent, Manager, Coach, or Board Member. Including physical assault, emails or threats
- Make negative comments or use profanity or gestures intended to be personal in nature to a Player, Umpire, Coach, Manager, Parent, siblings, or Board Member.

If the zero-tolerance policy is violated, the on-field umpires or any member of the Board of Directors of Boyne City Little League will stop the game immediately. The offending person will be asked to leave the field area. Failure of the offending person to leave the field area in a timely manner may result in the game being forfeited and or suspension of offending party from next scheduled game. Any time a Player, Parent, or Coach has violated the zero-tolerance policy, a report shall be filed with the Board of Directors, as deemed necessary, and may require subsequent disciplinary action.

Our Coaches, Umpires and members of the Board of Directors are required to conduct themselves in a Professional, sportsmanlike, impartial, and constructive manner at all times. The actions/decisions of an umpire must be respected by all players and coaches. Coaches/Managers are expected to enforce these rules and remind players of them.

All Volunteers, Players, Parents, Managers, and Coaches are to sign this statement to acknowledge their understanding of it and agreement.

Signed: x _____ Date: _____