

Issaquah Little League Code of Conduct

The Issaquah Little League has implemented the following Code of Conduct, outlining the principles that it holds for parents, guardians, managers, coaches, volunteers, and players who participate in and support Little League Baseball and Softball in Issaquah, Washington. All must read, understand, and sign this form prior to participating in our League.

Preamble:

- The goal of Issaquah Little League is to implant firmly in the children of our community the ideals of good sportsmanship, trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, good citizenship, courage, and respect for authority.
- Parents, managers, coaches, umpires, volunteers, and adult spectators are role models for children in attaining these goals.
- Winning games is secondary to the primary goal of embracing the values and ideals of good citizenship.
- All umpires have the authority, at their discretion, to eject from the field of play any manager, coach, volunteer, or player for violating the Issaquah Little League Code of Conduct or displaying unsportsmanlike conduct. In addition, umpires have the authority to suspend play until such time as league officials can deal with unruly spectators.

General Rules of Conduct:

1. Parents/guardians will not force their children to participate in sports.
2. Children will participate to have fun; the game is for youth, not adults.
3. Parents/guardians will inform the managers/coaches of any disability, ailment, or allergy which may affect the safety of a child or the safety of others.
4. Parents, guardians, managers, coaches, volunteers, and players will learn the rules of the game and policies of the Issaquah Little League.
5. Parents, guardians, managers, coaches, volunteers, and players will abide by the rules and regulations of the City of Issaquah, Washington, with respect to use of fields for purposes of play or practice and prohibition of consumption of alcohol, tobacco or drugs.
6. Parents, guardians, managers, coaches, volunteers, and players will be role models and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
7. Parents, guardians, managers, coaches, volunteers, and players will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, manager, coach, player, parent or spectator, including, but not limited to: use of obscene or indecent language; verbal assault of an umpire; physical touching or assault of any kind; booing or taunting; refusal to shake hands; profane gestures; or manipulation of game rules for the sole purpose of winning.
8. Parents will respect the officials and their authority during games and will not question or confront managers, coaches, or umpires at the game field.

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I therefore agree:

1. I will not encourage any behavior or practice that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
2. I will play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to intimidation, hostility, or violence.
3. I will treat all parents, guardians, managers, coaches, volunteers, players and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, or ability.
4. I agree that doing one's best is more important than winning.
5. I will praise players, managers, and coaches for competing fairly and trying hard.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at a player, manager, or coach for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I will emphasize skill development and practices over winning. I will de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
8. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of players over any personal desire to win.
9. I will abide by ALL decisions by the umpires, especially those involving judgment (ball, strike, fair, foul, safe, out) and I will NOT question or dispute them at any time.
10. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events.
11. I will refrain from coaching players during game and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
12. I will abide by the final decision of the Issaquah Little League Board of Directors on the consequences of any violation of the Code of Conduct, which may include multiple game suspensions in the event of repeat violations, or forfeiture of the privilege of attending games.

-- Issaquah Little League Board of Directors

Issaquah Little League Code of Conduct Acknowledgment

We acknowledge that we have read, understand, and will comply with the Issaquah Little League Code of Conduct. We understand that compliance with this Code of Conduct is an essential part of the sport of baseball and is a condition of participation in Issaquah Little League games and activities.

Player's name _____

Player's signature _____

Parent/guardian signatures _____

Date _____

Manager's signature _____