



## Little League California District 19

### Managers and Coaches Code of Conduct

As a Tournament Manager or Coach, appointed by your Little League Board of Directors, you have an important role in the development of the young children in our community. We strive to teach each child the positive values of trust, good sportsmanship, good citizenship, responsibility, respect, fair play and teamwork - values they can use throughout their lives. Baseball and softball embody the discipline of teamwork. They challenge players towards perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy. The very nature of baseball and softball also teach that while every player eventually strikes out or is on a losing team, there is always another chance for success in the next at-bat or game. With this in mind, Little League California District 19 expects each manager and coach to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

#### • *Sportsmanship*

- I will promote good sportsmanship and have fun in the process.
- I understand, accept and will practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy and manner.
- I understand that physical or verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator, including obscene gestures, will not be tolerated and that the offender may be removed from the fields at the discretion of an Umpire or Tournament Director.
- I understand coaches will refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
- I understand all discussions will be held in conversational tones. Under no circumstances will a coach, fan, or player yell at an umpire, coach, fan, or player. The lone exception to this rule is when a coach or player shouts to another coach or teammate during the course of a play as part of that play.
- I understand profanity is expressly forbidden at all times at the tournament site.
- I understand alcoholic beverages and the use of illicit drugs are prohibited at all games.
- I understand the use of tobacco and vapor products on the fields and in the dugouts is prohibited.

#### *Rules and Policies*

- *Tournament of Champions Participants*
  - I know and understand the District 19 Interleague rules and will abide by them.
- *Little League International Tournament (All-Stars) Participants*

- I know and understand the Little League International Tournament rules and will abide by them.
- I will instruct my team members in the rules and coach my team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
- I will adhere to all Little League safety guidelines from the LL handbook.

### *The Umpires and Other Resources*

- I recognize baseball is a game of interpretations, and as a result, disputes will occur from time to time. However, it is important that players learn respect. All disputes that are taken up with the umpire will be handled in a civil manner. I understand only managers may initiate such discussions with an umpire. The managers/coaches will conduct themselves with decorum and once the umpire has made his/her final ruling.
- All protests must be made at the time of the call before any additional play is made.
  - *Tournament of Champions* - All protests will be decided by District 19 at the time of protest. The decision of District 19 is final.
  - *Little League International Tournament (All-Stars)* - All protests will be decided by Little League International at the time of protest. The decision of Little League International is final.
- I recognize that all umpires will make mistakes occasionally, and as manager/coach, I will give the umpires the respect their position, within the game, deserves.

### *The Parents and the League*

- I will ensure that fans of the team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites and will assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games. I will make sure that coaches and players are the only persons allowed in the dugout during a game.

### *The Team*

- I understand that managers are appointed by the league to be responsible for the team's actions on the field and to represent the team in communications with the umpires, opposing teams and league.

Little League California District 19 has a “zero tolerance” policy for any aggressive or inappropriate physical contact with any player, coach, umpire, parent, fan or other person and any breach of this rule will be reported to Little League California District 19 and if applicable, Little League International (Little League International Tournament Events only) and is grounds for immediate action, including immediate removal from the game site and further disciplinary action as deemed necessary by Little League District 19 and/or Little League International.

I have read and understand the Little League California District 19 Code of Conduct. Furthermore, I understand that this constitutes my first and only warning about inappropriate behavior during tournament events.

By signing below I represent that I will abide by the code of conduct.

League \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Division \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Manager/Coach Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Manager/Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_

League President Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

League President Signature \_\_\_\_\_