

Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

South Kingstown Little League has implemented the following Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents and guardians in supporting their children in sports. Parents and guardians should read and understand these rules and guidelines prior to their children participating in the league.

Any parent or spectator found in violation of these rules and improper conduct could be disciplined by the league under the League Disciplinary Policy. Violations could result in game suspension, League wide suspension and may forfeit their rights of the privilege of attending all games, practices or league events.

Preamble

The essential elements of character- building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principals:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character"

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I understand that the Board of Directors will appoint the manager and coach(es) for my child's team, and I will not protest their appointment or attempt to undermine their position in any manner.
6. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.
7. I (and my guests) 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 or gestures.
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
9. I will teach my child to play by rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
10. I teach my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.
11. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my own child.
15. 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.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all games, practices, and events, to include parking lot areas of the facilities.

17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team
18. If I cannot resolve a conflict by using this code of conduct, I will contact a SKLL board member to discuss.