

Erial Little League Code of Conduct

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects the “six pillars of character.” The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and these core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- good citizenship

To ensure Erial Little League (“ELL”) strives to follow those core principles, this code of conduct requires coaches, players, parents and spectators to exhibit exemplary behavior during Little League activities to ensure a positive and fun learning experience for the players and all involved. Failure to abide by this code of conduct, at any point, may be grounds for dismissal from the ELL complex and/or organization temporarily or permanently without reimbursement for registration costs. We expect parents, coaches and players to conduct themselves in a manner that represents ELL in a positive light.

All coaches, players, parents and invited guests shall abide by the following:

1. I will be a positive role model to others by showing respect and sportsmanship, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and/or ELL events. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.

2. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated on or off of the field. This includes, and is not limited to, verbal, emotional, physical or cyber bullying.

3. Players will remain in the dugout area in an orderly fashion at all times during games. Cell phones are not to be used by players in the dugout or on the fields. If a parent needs to contact their child, they may do so by contacting the coach.

4. Each team must clean up all trash left in the dugouts and around the field after practices and games and take their belongings with them.

5. I will refrain from sideline coaching during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

6. I will treat players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.

7. I will respect the coaches and officials, and their authority during games. I will not question, discuss or confront coaches and/or officials on the ball field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

8. I expect a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all Little League events.

9. Profanity is not permitted in any parking lot, field, or common areas within the Erial Little League complex.

10. I will not encourage or condone any behaviors or practices that endanger the health, safety or wellbeing of the players and will report all such incidents that I feel reflect negatively on the organization to the ELL Board.