

## Poquoson Little League Code of Conduct (2020)

We, the Poquoson Little League (PLL) Board of Directors, have implemented the following Code of Conducts for the important message that it holds about the proper role of parents and spectators in supporting the youth of our community and their child in sports.

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are the foundations of sportsmanship and are demonstrated by the core principles of respect, responsibility, fairness, and good citizenship.

As a Poquoson Little League Parent, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in PLL by adhering to the following code of conducts:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support at all times.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I 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.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will not confront coaches or managers at any time during games.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games.
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are prohibited.
- I will use the appropriate communication methods to resolve any conflicts at any PLL sanctioned event and will prohibit the use of social media platforms to bash or ridicule any PLL volunteers or officials.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the PLL Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Parental suspension for games
- Parental season suspension
- Parental removal from all league activities

The Poquoson Little League Board of Directors retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The Board of Directors will review all infractions of the Poquoson Little League Code of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league. A Code of Conduct complaint/incident report must be filled out and sent to the Vice President of PLL within 24 hours of the incident. The PLL Vice President will investigate all properly documented incidents and report his/her findings to the PLL President. The President will report the incident, accompanied by all pertinent documentation to the PLL Board of Directors. Based on the severity of the incident, the President may choose to call a special meeting of the board.*

# POQUOSON LITTLE LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT FORM

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Incident: \_\_\_\_\_

Poquoson Little League Personnel Involved: \_\_\_\_\_

Other PLL personnel, referees, parents, tournament officials, etc. present:

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Please describe, in detail, the incident that occurred (or send description in a separate document)

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This complaint or incident will be filed with the Vice President of Poquoson LL and reported directly to the President.

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Signature

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Date