

Coach Code of Conduct

West Sacramento Little League

As a manager or an assistant coach of West Sacramento Little League's Baseball program, I recognize that I have a significant impact on the players, parents, and the overall success of the league. I am committed to upholding the values of sportsmanship, fairness, and integrity. My behavior and actions should reflect the high standards expected in Little League, fostering a positive, educational, and enjoyable experience for all participants. I agree to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

1. **Commitment to the Development of Players** - I will strive to develop the skills, character, and confidence of every player, regardless of their ability level. I will create a positive environment that emphasizes teamwork, sportsmanship, and fun, where all players have the opportunity to learn and grow. I will treat each player with respect, ensuring that they feel valued, supported, and encouraged, both on and off the field.
2. **Respect for Players** - I will not use physical, verbal, or emotional intimidation in any form. I will provide constructive feedback and encouragement to all players, focusing on effort, improvement, and enjoyment of the game. I will avoid favoring certain players over others and will give every player equal opportunity to play and develop their skills.
3. **Respect for Parents and Families** - I will communicate openly, respectfully, and professionally with parents regarding their child's progress, attendance, and any issues that may arise. I will listen to parents' concerns and provide them with an appropriate and respectful response. I will encourage parents to be supportive and positive toward all players and coaches, creating a healthy environment for everyone involved.
4. **Respect for Umpires and Officials** - I will respect the authority of the umpires, including junior umpires, and other game officials, accepting their decisions without argument or disrespect. I will model good sportsmanship by maintaining a calm and respectful demeanor during games, regardless of the calls made by the officials. I will encourage players and parents to do the same, understanding that officials contribute to the fairness and integrity of the game.
5. **Good Sportsmanship** - I will model and teach good sportsmanship, both in victory and defeat. I will promote a culture of respect for the game, opponents, and the league, emphasizing that Little League is about learning, teamwork, and fun. I will encourage my players to show respect for the game, managers, assistant coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials at all times.
6. **Focus on Safety** - I will ensure that the safety and well-being of all players are my top priority, both on and off the field. I will familiarize myself with and enforce all safety protocols, including

the use of required safety equipment such as helmets and protective gear. I will remain aware of the physical and emotional needs of players, providing a safe environment that promotes both physical and mental well-being.

7. Professionalism and Integrity - I will act with integrity and professionalism at all times, understanding that my conduct sets an example for players, parents, and the community. I will be punctual for practices and games, prepared with a plan that prioritizes player development, safety, and enjoyment. I will not tolerate any form of discrimination, harassment, or inappropriate behavior, ensuring that all players, coaches, and families feel welcome and respected.
8. Encouragement of Fun and Enjoyment - I will emphasize the importance of fun in the game, ensuring that every player enjoys their experience and looks forward to practices and games. I will foster a team environment where players are motivated by the joy of playing and learning, rather than just the outcome of the game. I will promote a love for the game of baseball, helping players to enjoy and appreciate the sport while developing life skills such as teamwork, discipline, and perseverance.
9. Communication and Collaboration - I will maintain open lines of communication with other coaches, team officials, and league administrators, ensuring that I am aligned with team and league goals. I will collaborate with other coaches to share ideas, strategies, and resources, always working together to support the development of players. I will be accessible to parents and provide timely updates on team activities, schedules, and expectations.
10. Consequences for Misconduct - I understand that any failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, which could include a warning, suspension, or removal from my coaching position, depending on the severity of the violation. I understand that I have a responsibility to act as a role model for players, parents, and other coaches, and my behavior must reflect the values of the Little League.

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Coach Code of Conduct. I understand that my behavior will impact the players, their families, and the overall success of the Little League program, and I am committed to upholding these standards of conduct at all times.

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Team Name: _____