



## 2022 Parent Handbook

**This handbook describes the functioning of Lobo Little League.  
Information that is included affects you and your child's participation in Lobo Little League**

Your efforts in helping this league become among the best in Albuquerque is greatly appreciated!

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**Honor the Game by respecting the ROOTS  
(Rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates, Self)**

## **LOBO LITTLE LEAGUE HISTORY**

### **District 5 – Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Chartered with Little League Baseball, Inc., Williamsport, Pennsylvania**

Lobo Little League was established in 1966 when Gill Sanchez's son decided he wanted to play baseball.

Gill found some available space at Gilbert Sanchez Park on Bryn Mawr just south of Menaul, behind what used to be the Garcia Motors building. In 1967, Lobo was chartered with Little League Incorporated with one Majors team and One Field. By the early 80's Lobo had added 2 more fields and is still nestled in its original location.

Lobo Little League has always been about community, family, friendly competition and relationships that last a lifetime and teaching our children not only the fundamentals of playing baseball by providing a healthy environment for the youth of our community to play ball, meet new friends and build self-confidence and self-esteem. Our focus is to encourage participation, develop character and discipline, promote teamwork, and advocate citizenship and community pride. We strive to provide quality instruction in the development of baseball skills, sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, competitiveness and fair play. Lobo Little League is committed to enriching the lives of our youth and fostering a love of the game.

Lobo little league is also home to Challenger baseball in Albuquerque. This is a special baseball program for children with all forms of physical and mental disabilities. We at Lobo are very proud to be home to these incredible children with unique abilities and you can come and support them each week as they play on our "Challenger Field" each Saturday at 11:30am.

It is the people who make Lobo Little League a success. The volunteer help of the parents and others whom are interested in our program is essential. The countless hours that are unselfishly given by these volunteers go a long way toward making our boys and girls into outstanding young citizens.

### **2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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## **RULES OF CONDUCT**

The board of Directors has the following goals for the season:

1. Creating a safe and caring place for all players to learn, practice and play the game of baseball.
2. Promoting good sportsmanship among all players, coaches, parents and spectators.
3. Allowing each player, a fair opportunity to play the game.
4. Making the game active and fun for all players.
5. Promoting respect and support for all players, umpires, managers, coaches, board members, volunteers and community.

### **RAIN OUT POLICY**

Fields will be evaluated prior to play and in the event of severe weather (rain, wind, etc) the Field Monitor will send an email to all the team managers so that we can let you know as soon as possible of cancellation. The safety of the players as well as the proper preservation of the fields will be considered.

### **FIELD MAINTENANCE**

Field maintenance is a huge responsibility, and it is important that we maintain a safe, clean park for everyone. To do this, we need help from everyone in picking up trash and conducting general field maintenance before and after games. For all inter-league games, teams will follow the District policy. When two Lobo teams are playing each other, the following rules will be enforced:

#### **HOME TEAM:**

- Is responsible for the preparation of the playing field before the start of each game; including wetting down the field, lining the field, preparing the mound and batting areas.
- Providing Home Plate Umpire and official Score Keeper.
- Putting up the flag.

#### **VISITING TEAM**

- Provide Base Umpire
- Empty dugout and bleacher trash cans after every game, whether the trash can is full or not.
- Close the field after the game, preparing the mound
- Folding and storing the flag

***\*\*\*\*In situations where there is game immediately following, Visitors should assist the next Home team in making sure the field is ready for the next game.***

#### **BOTH TEAMS:**

- The dugouts and your bleacher area must be left clean after each game.
- Do not allow your fielders to dig holes in the field for any reason.
- All equipment such as bases, rakes, brooms, and drags must be placed in the proper storage area. No equipment will be moved from one field to another. If a field

is missing a piece of equipment, notify the Field Monitor – never take anything from another field. Never allow anyone to climb on or jump over a fence.

- Make certain your team abides by safety rules and wears appropriate protective equipment always during the game.
- Do not expect to use the field for unscheduled practices without first checking with the League. Scheduled field maintenance has priority over any unscheduled practice requests.

## **LOCAL LEAGUE RULES**

*\*Except as amended by these local Rules, the official Playing Rules shall govern all games:*

A. **ALL DIVISIONS** must comply with the following rules:

- a. **Roster Batting:** Each player at a game shall bat one time before any player bats two times, two times before three etc., regardless of whether that player is in the game defensively or on the bench
- b. **Free Substitutions:** Team can freely substitute players in defensive positions; and into and out of the game except for the position of pitcher (see pitching rules)
- c. **Minimum Defensive Play:** Each Player must play two (2) out of three (3) defensive innings [Note: a player can play every inning if other players meet this minimum]. For all divisions above "Rookie" all players shall play 1 infield inning per game unless permitted by parent and subject to game play. " **Subject to game play**" explained as: if a game runs out of time before the end of the second inning the coach will not be held responsible for the players whom where left on the bench. However, it is recommended that those players be started in the next possible game play situation.
- d. **Start of games:** As of 4/4/2020 the beginning of the 2020 season no games will begin at Lobo little league until there is a qualified adult representative volunteering for the concession stand and it is ready to be opened. The home team for every game at Lobo is responsible for supplying a qualified volunteer to work in the concession stand.
- e. Two adult base coaches are permitted. A youth base coach may substitute but must wear a helmet.

B. **Minors, Majors & Intermediate Teams** must comply with the following rules:

- a. **Five - Eight Run Rule:** A half-inning will end and the teams will exchange the field after three outs or upon the 5<sup>th</sup> run being scored during innings one through four. The "five run" rule shall end after the fourth inning. Divisions Majors, Intermediate, and Juniors will observe an 8 run rule.
- b. **Score Books:** Incorrect or unsigned Official Score books and pitching Affidavit will result in forfeiture for that game for the Team that does not sign.
- c. **Draft Policy-** All players in divisions Minors, Majors, Intermediate, and Juniors are required to attend try-outs and be drafted to a team. No player will be guaranteed to be placed on any specific team. All team managers are required to attend the draft for their division. The draft will be overseen by the league player agent and Vice President. The draft will be a serpentine format with draft order drawn from a hat by league players agent. Only players that are present at tryouts will be eligible for the draft. All players not present at tryouts will have their names placed in a hat and managers will choose names out of the hat in draft order after all other eligible players are drafted.

C. **Rookie (Coach Pitch)** teams must comply with the following rules:

- a. Coach must be 30ft from batter, behind **L-screen**. Coach must either sit on bucket or kneel. Coach must throw soft-toss overhand pitches to own team player. Opposing team Pitcher will stand in position beside screen allowing them to make play on the ball.
- b. **Five PITCH Rule:** A batter that does not swing the bat on the 5<sup>th</sup> pitch ball. This will be a called strike 3 and the batter is out. ***This does not mean that the batter always gets 5 pitches if the batter swings at 3***

***pitches and gets 3 strikes then the batter is out. (Note: this rule is to help promote swinging at the ball and to keep the game moving)***

- i. **Example 1:** Batter steps into the batter's box looks at the first pitch (1) then swings at the second pitch hits foul this is (Strike 1 two pitches) swings at 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch misses (strike 2 three pitches) then watches 4<sup>th</sup> pitch (2 strikes four pitches). \*\*umpire will let batter know that he/she has one pitch left.
- ii. **Example 2:** Batter swings and hits a foul ball on the first pitch (strike 1 one pitch) then swings and fouls second pitch (Strike 2 two pitches) swings and hits 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch foul (strike 2 three pitches) swings and misses pitch 4 (strike 3 batter is out)
- c. **Five Run Rule:** A half-inning will end and the teams will exchange the field after three outs or upon the fifth run being scored during innings one through five. The "five run" rule shall end after the fifth inning.
- d. **One base on overthrow:** The runner may attempt the next base on an overthrow at their own risk. Only one overthrow will be allowed per play. End of play will be determined by Umpire.
- e. **Through the first Two (2) weeks of games,** one defensive coach is permitted on the field to direct the defensive team with positioning. The coach shall not "coach" while the ball is in play.
- f. **Stealing Bases are NOT permitted.** Runners can leave their bases as soon as the pitched ball is in play

## **All-star selection**

Every division above t-ball will compete in All-star competition each year. All-star tournaments are held in June and July every summer and the hosting leagues are appointed by the district. All-star coaches are chosen by the Lobo board of directors by a vote each season. All-star players are nominated by their regular season coaches and the coaches from other teams and final rosters are voted upon by the Lobo board. Only players that live or go to school within Lobo district boundaries or have been given explicit permission by LL international are eligible to compete in tournament play. If you are a parent with a player who has found themselves registered to play at Lobo and your player does not reside or attend school within Lobo boundaries and has not been instructed to do so by district staff or the Lobo league President please contact the Lobo league President as soon as possible at (505) 550-1310. If you are interested in All-stars or feel like your child deserves to be an All-star, please contact the league president.

## **BADGING OF VOLUNTEERS**

All background cleared volunteers will be issued an identification badge and must wear the badge at all times while on the field or in the dugout. This rule will be strictly enforced by umpires, field monitors and the Board of Directors. If any volunteer is not wearing their badge, they will be asked to leave the field or dugout until their badge is produced.

Please email your badge photos to: **lobollbb@gmail.com**

Replacement badges are available for a cost of \$10 per badge. NOTE: there is not a same day Badge issuance policy.

## **PICTURES**

Team parents will need to organize pictures for your team. Team parents will be given a stack of picture order forms once they are received by the league. Parents must fill out the forms and be at the Lobo fields 15 minutes before your photo time. Players need to be in full uniform. This season picture day is TBA

## **TROPHIES**

All participants will receive a commemorative trophy or medal.

### **TOURNAMENT**

We are planning on an end of season tournament that includes Minors, Intermediates and Majors. Stay tuned for more specific information and dates for this event.

### **Concessions**

The concession stand is a volunteer run snack bar. One individual per home team on game day will have to volunteer to help unless no help is needed. No game will begin until concession stand is open.

# 2022 Lobo little league Safety Plan

Please see our full safety plan on [www.lobolittleleague.com](http://www.lobolittleleague.com)

While we hope for no injuries or accidents, they do happen during game activity from time to time. This is what to do in the event of an occurrence and how to avoid those issues. This also tells who to contact when there is an accident. The **First Rule** is that for all game activity there must be a field monitor present (no exceptions).

## **Accident reporting**

- All injuries that happen to players, coaches, volunteers, and spectators during designated practice or game time, must have an incident report filled out and turned in to the field monitor that day. The field monitor will then submit any reports to the safety officer that same day if possible. Incident forms can be found in the concession stand. Depending on the severity of the incident the field monitor should call safety officer and league president immediately.
- 911 should be activated for all medical emergencies that occur at the little league, regardless of who the individual is.

## **First aid kits /AED**

- 1 Large first aid kit is located inside concession stand, it includes bandages, antiseptics, ice packs, and save-a-tooth system if needed.
- Smaller portable first aid kits can be found in the concession stand and should be taken to each field for game time and kept in the home dugout. Each portable kit includes bandages, antiseptics, and the save-a-tooth system.
- Lobo is proud to provide an AED in the event of a loss of consciousness or need for CPR assistance. The AED can be found in the batting cages to the left side of the door. It is to be operated by those whom have been trained to do so unless in the event of an emergency. In the event of such an emergency if there are no trained members present, there are directions for use of the AED contained within its case and the device itself will prompt you with directions. The AED device is not to be touched otherwise except by the league safety officer for routine maintenance.

## **CPR/Safety training**

- It our goal at Lobo to provide CPR training to all board members and team managers
- Our last training was provided thanks to the UNMH bat-cave on 9/17/18
- We look forward to scheduling another training class in the near future.

## **Concessions Safety**

- Inspections for cooler temperatures, product quality and freshness, and equipment cleanliness will be performed each time the concession stand will be opened. A log of these inspections will be kept in the concession stand. All food born illness protections will always be in place.
- Gloves must be worn by food handlers while they are handling food.
- Proper handwash procedure will be followed by all concession's volunteers
- All concession's volunteers must be trained by concession manager of proper procedures.
- Any concessions volunteer under the age of 16 must be in direct supervision by a trained adult.

## **Lightning rules and procedures**

- When there is fear of lightning, the field monitor will watch for lightning strikes via an approved little league app or a lightning detecting device. Little league rules mandate that a strike within ten miles of

the field location will suspend play for 30 minutes. This suspension of play will restart with each strike within the 10-mile boundary. In this event all players should leave the field of play immediately and seek shelter either in a vehicle with their parents or may go to the Lobo batting cages with their coaches. Once play has been stopped because of lightning only the field monitor on site may allow games to commence. At any time during the 30-minute hold period if the coaches mutually decide to postpone their game they may do so and may reschedule from the exact point that the game stopped on another date per schedule approval by the league president.

## **Needle Safety**

- Safety walk through fields and common areas prior to all games.
- Notify field monitor if any needles are found and do not touch or pick up any needles.
- A “Sharps” container is located in concession stand at all times.
- If a “dirty stick” should occur, notify safety officer, fill out incident report, and seek immediate attention at nearest ED.

# 2022 Covid-19 Safety guidelines

## 2021-2022 Guidelines for Participation

- **Masks shall be worn indoors at all times by all persons, regardless of vaccination status**
- **Masks are recommended outdoors by all persons, regardless of vaccination status**
- **Unvaccinated individuals shall social distance to the greatest extent possible**
- **Personal athletic equipment shall not be shared by any individuals**
- **Link to Guide: [https://www.nmact.org/file/NMAA\\_COVID-19\\_PARTICIPATION\\_GUIDELINES.pdf](https://www.nmact.org/file/NMAA_COVID-19_PARTICIPATION_GUIDELINES.pdf)**

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please keep them home.

- Temperature
  - a. Greater than 100.0\* recheck in 10 min, if still >100.0 then not allowed in LOBO
- Symptoms check
  - a. Fever or Chills
  - b. Cough
  - c. Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
  - d. Fatigue
  - e. Muscle or body aches
  - f. Headache
  - g. Sore throat
  - h. Congestion of runny nose
  - i. Nausea or vomiting
  - j. Diarrhea



# COVID-19 Cases/Quarantines

- Confirmed cases of Covid-19 may result in an isolation period of 5 days or more. Follow DOH instructions.
- Close contact with confirmed cases of Covid-19 may result in a quarantine period of up to 5 days and up to 10 days for individuals in close contact with confirmed cases of Covid-19 among household members.
- Individuals who have had close contact with a COVID-19 infectious individual are not required to quarantine if they meet the following criteria:
  - a. Are at least 18 years old and up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations as recommended by the CDC – including boosters.
  - b. Are under the age of 18 and have had both Pfizer doses

## References:

All Together New Mexico June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/3f732e94-0164-424d-9ac6-a0ace27e70c8>

NMAA Guidelines

[https://www.nmact.org/file/NMAA\\_COVID-19\\_PARTICIPATION\\_GUIDELINES.pdf](https://www.nmact.org/file/NMAA_COVID-19_PARTICIPATION_GUIDELINES.pdf)



## CONCUSSION IN SPORTS

# A Fact Sheet for Athletes and Parents

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### WHAT IS A CONCUSSION?

A concussion is an injury that changes how the cells in the brain normally work. A concussion is caused by a blow to the head or body that causes the brain to move rapidly inside the skull. Even a "ding," "getting your bell rung," or what seems to be a mild bump or blow to the head can be serious. Concussions can also result from a fall or from players colliding with each other or with obstacles, such as a goalpost.

### WHAT ARE THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION?

#### Observed by the Athlete

- Headache or "pressure" in head
- Nausea or vomiting
- Balance problems or dizziness
- Double or blurry vision
- Bothered by light
- Bothered by noise
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy, or groggy
- Difficulty paying attention
- Memory problems
- Confusion
- Does not "feel right"
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#### Observed by the Parent / Guardian

- Is confused about assignment or position
- Forgets an instruction
- Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
- Moves clumsily
- Answers questions slowly
- Loses consciousness (even briefly)
- Shows behavior or personality changes
- Can't recall events after hit or fall
- Appears dazed or stunned

### WHAT TO DO IF SIGNS/SYMPTOMS OF A CONCUSSION ARE

#### Athlete

- TELL YOUR COACH IMMEDIATELY!
- Inform Parents
- Seek Medical Attention
- Give Yourself Time to Recover

#### Parent / Guardian

- Seek Medical Attention
- Keep Your Child Out of Play
- Discuss Plan to Return with the Coach

***It's better to miss one game than the whole season.***

***Give yourself time to get better. If you have had a concussion, your brain needs time to heal. While your brain is still healing, you are much more likely to have a second concussion. Second or later concussions can cause damage to your brain. It is important to rest until you get approval from a doctor or health care professional to return to play.***



## RETURN TO PLAY GUIDELINES UNDER NEW MEXICO SENATE BILL 38

1. Remove athlete immediately from activity when signs/symptoms of a concussion are present.
  - Coaches and Athletes must be educated in signs/ symptoms of a concussion.
2. Athletes must not return to full activity prior to a minimum of 240 hours (10 days).
3. Athletes must be released to participation by an appropriate medical professional before returning.
  - MD, DO, PA, CNP, PT, Licensed Psychologist, Licensed Athletic Trainer (as per Senate Bill 38)
4. School districts are required to develop head injury protocols (guidelines).
5. Coaches must follow school district's head injury protocol when allowing athletes to return to play.
6. Coaches must continue to monitor for signs/symptoms once athletes return to activity.
7. School districts are required to inform parents/ athletes of the potential risks of head injuries in sports.



# **Field Clean-up Day, February 27<sup>th</sup> @ 9am**

**Practice to begin March 1<sup>st</sup>. Schedule set by coach of each team.**

## **OPENING DAY, APRIL 2nd, 2022**

Make sure your team arrives on time to the opening day ceremonies and in full uniform. While the swap meet isn't in the timeline, it will happen the whole time so bring out your gently used gear to swap!

- 9:45 a.m. Players arrive in uniform and line up in the east parking lot with their team. Siblings who would like to participate can decorate bikes, trikes and strollers and follow the teams on the parade route.
- 10:00 a.m. Parade starts
- 11:00 a.m. Isotopes mascot, Orbit, will arrive to sign autographs and take pictures.
- 11:15 a.m. Short presentation • 11:30 a.m. The snack bar will open. Games Begin!



## Albuquerque Isotopes Baseball Little League Night May 13th, 2022

- Isotopes Vs. Sugar Land Space Cowboys
- Team Banner Night – Teams make banners to promote their team and parade around the ballpark

Lobo Little League has partnered with the Albuquerque Isotopes to bring every player and their families in our league to the game to promote the Little League night. Each player will receive a ticket to the game as part of the registration.

We are offering parents, brothers, sister, grandparents, uncles and aunts a chance to buy tickets to this game at a discounted price of \$12.00 per person, the seats are guaranteed to be together if purchased before April 25<sup>h</sup>.

If you are interested in purchasing additional tickets for your family, please see your coach or team parent.

Forms to sign up your team for this event will be available at Open House.



## Team of the Game

Take the field with Isotopes players and meet Orbit up close and personal! Celebrate your team's season with an experience of a lifetime by taking the field just like the pros. Only two teams are scheduled for each game, so make priceless memories by scheduling your Team of the Game for the 2020 season.

### Team of the Game Package Includes:

- \* Premium Reserved Level Seat to the game
- \* An all-you-can-eat hot dog menu for the duration of the picnic
- \* Just like the pros, players and coaches are recognized individually on our state-of-the-art video board
- \* Team name will appear on the message board
- \* A team picture will be taken while your Team of the Game is on the field
- \* Souvenir discounts are available on selected items of 20 or more
- \* Discounted souvenir logo baseballs are \$4.50 each (must be purchased at time of final payment)
- \* All-Day Fun Zone Passes are available to purchase for \$12.00 each (\$17 Value). (passes must be purchased at time of final payment)
- \* Personal Isotopes Executive to help set up your special event.



### Team of the Game Details

#### TEAM of the GAME MENU.....\$18.00 per person

*Reserved Level Seat  
All-you-can-eat hot dogs, chips, and unlimited  
assorted soft drinks.  
Ice cream cup (one per person)  
**Down Payment: \$270.00***

*Down payment is non-refundable and due upon reservation.  
Food service in Ozone.*

#### ADD THE EXTRAS (Minimum of 15)

**Cookie Tray**  
(add \$2.00 per person)  
**Cracker Jack**  
(add \$3.00 per person)

**Watermelon Tray**  
(add \$2.00 per person)  
**Fresh Seasonal Fruit**  
(add \$3.00 per person)

#### TEAM OF THE GAME PARTY TIMES

<b>Game Time</b>	<b>Party Time</b>
6:35 pm	5:00 pm-6:30 pm
6:05 pm	4:30 pm-6:00 pm
1:35 pm	12:00 pm-1:30 pm
12:05 pm	11:00 am-12:30 pm
11:05 am	11:30 am-1:00 pm

*\*Team of the Game dates are based on availability.  
Only two (2) teams will be scheduled per game. NO EXCEPTIONS*



## Sponsorship Options 2022

Lobo Little League is a non-profit organization run solely by dedicated volunteers. Lobo Little League provides a healthy environment for the youth of our community to play ball, meet new friends and build self-confidence and self-esteem. Our focus is to encourage participation, develop character and discipline, promote teamwork, and advocate citizenship and community pride. We will strive to provide quality instruction in the development of baseball skills, sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, competitiveness and fair play. Lobo Little League is committed to enriching the lives of our youth and fostering a love of the game. We need your support to supply equipment and help maintain the Fields.

<b>SUPPORTER</b>	<i>up to</i>	<b>\$ 100</b>	Name on Lobo Little League Website
<b>SINGLE</b>		<b>\$ 130</b>	Sponsor one player
<b>DOUBLE</b>		<b>\$ 400</b>	Sponsor one team (1 business name on team shirts) <b>OR</b> 4x6 sign on 1 field
<b>TRIPLE</b>		<b>\$ 600</b>	Sponsor one team and 4x6 sign on field
<b>HOMERUN</b>		<b>\$1000</b>	Sponsor one team and 4x6 sign on each field
<b>GRAND SLAM</b>		<b>\$5000</b>	Sponsor one team at each level

# **Lobo Little League 2022**

## **Parent Commitment/Code of Conduct**

**Parents must read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all remaining games.**

I pledge to abide by the following standards of behavior as a parent of a player in Lobo Little League, Inc. I make this pledge for my entire family and any spectators I bring to Little League events.

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, umpires, and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.

I will always remember that children participate to have fun and that youth sports are conducted for children, not for adults.

I will insist that my child's coaches uphold this code of ethics and the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.

I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.

I will be a respectful fan by not criticizing the umpires and other officials and remembering that they are volunteers.

I will insist that my child treat everyone with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

I will respect the officials, umpires, and score keepers of 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.

I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

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.

I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.

I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.

I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

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.

I will do my best to get my child to all games and practices on time. I will call my manager/coaches if we are going to be late or miss.

I will assist my team with field prep and clean-up and take my turn at concession duty. I will help keep up Lobo's appearance by picking up trash, picking weeds, and helping with field maintenance.

I will not smoke on Lobo Little League property, but in designated areas.

### **The Little League Parent/Volunteer Pledge**

I will teach all children to play fair and do their best

I will positively support all managers, coaches and

players I will respect the decisions of the umpires I

will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the

game

**Parent Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Lobo Little League 2022

## Player Code of Conduct

Lobo Little League welcomes all eligible participants to become a part of its baseball program, but requires participants to acknowledge that appropriate behavior is an essential ingredient to the success of the program and the enjoyment of those involved. Accordingly, all those interested in participating in Lobo Little League are required to review and abide by this Code of Conduct, as a condition to eligibility. ***Any individual who fails to abide by these requirements is subject to disciplinary action by Lobo Little League, including suspension and a termination of participation, without refund of participation or other fees.***

I will not force my child to sign-up to play but, once committed to a team, will use my best efforts to encourage and enable my child to participate fully in his or her team's practices and games and use his or her best efforts to practice, seek personal improvement in skills as a teammate and learn the game.

1. I will be a positive role model for other participants of all ages by encouraging good sportsmanship and positive support for all players, coaches, umpires and spectators at every game, practice and associated activities, and will ensure the same behavior from my guests and family members. I will talk first and predominantly about the positive things in each practice and game. I will emphasize improvement and success for each individual player, and avoid comparisons to the more or less skilled players.
2. I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, parent, or any other person, including, without limitation, booing or taunting, or verbally criticizing umpire calls, coaching decisions, plays in the field or game results, or using any profane or abusive language or gestures, and will ensure the same behavior from my guests and family members.
3. I will emphasize that mistakes, errors, bad calls and losses are part of any game (and life) and develop strategies to learn from those events, not dwell on them and develop a strategy for moving forward to the next play or situation.
4. I will neither engage in nor enable any behavior or practice that would endanger the health or well-being of any of the participants or spectators at any game, practice or associated activity (including, without limitation, any inappropriate physical contact or verbal attacks), and will ensure the same behavior from my guests and family members.
5. I will ensure that my family promotes respect for all players, coaches, umpires, spectators, and administrators, regardless of race, color, gender, playing ability or any other category. I will not make or disseminate critical or derogatory remarks (including by email or other electronic media) that are designated to harm, or would have the likely effect of harming, another's reputation or standing in the community. I will therefore handle any issues or complaints that I may have in a constructive manner and in a private setting that is appropriate under the circumstances.
6. I will learn the rules of the game and the league's in which I participate, and ensure that I understands those rules and the importance of playing by the rules. I will neither promote nor engage in any activity designed to avoid or disregard the rules of the game or any league, or manipulate any process to obtain a result inconsistent with those rules, including any process for selecting teams.
7. I will abide by and respect the calls of the umpires on the field, and understand that our umpires may make mistakes. I will not challenge or demonstrate any objection to a judgment call made by an umpire during a game, and will ensure the same behavior from my guests and family members. I understand and agree that any challenge or argument with a judgment call may result in disciplinary action against me.
8. I will respect the public and private property on and around our playing fields and participate in ensuring that no damage to or theft of such property occurs, and that all fields are maintained in at least as good condition at the end of each game and practice as at the beginning, with all trash and other items properly disposed of or removed from the field.

**The Little League Parent/Volunteer Pledge**, I will teach all children to play fair and do their best. I will positively support all managers, coaches, and players. I will respect the decisions of the umpires. I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game.

**Player Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

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