



Manager & Coach Code of Conduct

We, **South Kitsap Eastern Little League**, have implemented the following *Sport Manager & Coach Code of Conduct* for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Managers / Coaches should read, understand and sign this form prior to coaching children in our league.

Any manager / coach 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 games.

Preamble

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

- **Trustworthiness**
- **Responsibility**
- **Caring**
- **Respect**
- **Fairness**
- **Good Citizenship**

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will be aware of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of a child or the safety of others.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. I 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, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
5. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
7. I will teach my players to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will encourage my players to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will praise my players for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my players feel like a winner every time.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my players or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my players over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
12. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have.
13. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront the opposing coaches on the field.
14. I will refrain from the use of smoking, alcohol, vaping and drugs at the fields. I will respect that SKELL is free from drugs, tobacco, vaping and alcohol at all sports events.
15. I will respect that the designated areas to smoke or vape are in the parking lots.
16. I will drive carefully in the parking lots and encourage the parents on my team and other spectators to drive carefully at the SKELL parking lots, especially when children are present.

Manager / Coach Print Name

Manager / Coach Signature

Date

Team Name / Division Level