



## **Madison Little League Parent Code of Conduct**

Parents (inclusive of legal guardians) affiliated with Madison Little League (MLL) are expected to always adhere to this Code of Conduct Contract. Parents should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in the 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. At the discretion of the MLL Board of Directors, repeat violations may result in (a) multiple game suspension(s), or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games, practices and Little League associated/sponsored events. MLL members may involve local law enforcement when deemed necessary.

There is an expectation, regardless of being physically in Madison or in another town, that as a parent or legal guardian of a player in Madison Little League:

- I will remember that the goal of Little League is to provide a positive and enriching environment for youth players to learn the sports of softball and baseball.
- I will remember that Little League operates around the core values of teamwork, community, inclusion, fun, and integrity. It is not about winning and losing.
- I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the youth athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- 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, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official (including youth umpires), coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting or using profane language or gestures. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow parents and guests.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any coaches, parents, or guests of opponent teams.
- I will not encourage behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ability.
- 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.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.



- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others. I will immediately notify coaches, officials, MLL board members, or law enforcement, if deemed necessary, of any safety issues.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will downplay games, competition, and scores in the lower age groups.
- I will respect the officials, including youth umpires, and their authority during games. I 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 demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- 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.

Madison Little League has a strong youth umpiring program. It is the duty of the coaches, parents, and league officers, as with any youth participant, to provide a respectful and safe environment. Madison Little League has zero tolerance for any yelling at, using of inappropriate language with, arguing with, threatening, or bullying of youth umpires. Any such behavior will result in disciplinary action at the discretion of the MLL Board of Directors.

I have read and understand this MLL Parent Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in a disciplinary review by the MLL Board of Directors. I agree that I will have an opportunity to be heard, but that all decisions by the MLL Board of Directors are final.

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Parent Signature/Date