



Madison Little League Youth Umpire Code of Conduct

You have elected to participate as an Umpire (including Youth Umpires) in Madison Little League. Participating in a youth sports program such as Madison Little League (MLL) is a privilege that is not to be taken for granted. Umpires are appointed by the Madison Little League Board of Directors. As an Umpire you have an important role in the development of the young children of Madison. We strive to teach each child the positive values of good sportsmanship, fair play, and teamwork, values that they can use throughout their lives. MLL has developed an Umpire Code of Conduct for all Umpires participating in Madison Little League.

All on-field volunteers and/or paid officials are expected to adhere to these and all Madison Little League and Little League International rules and codes of conduct. As a MLL Umpire I pledge to:

- Observe official Little League and MLL local rules with no exceptions.
- Ensure the safety of players, coaches, spectators and umpires always.
- Place the emotional and physical wellbeing of the players ahead of my personal goals.
- Treat each player as an individual and with respect, while teaching the importance of being part of a team and putting the team ahead of individual goals.
- Provide players with positive feedback and constructive comments.
- Focus on developing the skills of the players.
- Lead by example always, using appropriate language and behavior.
- Interact with all managers, coaches, parents and umpires in a respectful and professional manner. At no time will I yell inappropriately to the dugout or coaches' box, or to a player, nor will I respond to comments from fans during a game.
- Encourage good sportsmanship by my example.
- Demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free sports environment for the players.
- Attend all required training seminars (e.g. first aid, umpiring).
- Fulfill my prior commitments to scheduled games, and take responsibility when conflicts arise to provide for coverage in my absence.
- Contact the Umpire in Chief and report any type of physical or verbal abuse or non-fair play that I witness firsthand.



- Discuss and report any concerns about player conduct, coach behavior or other umpires with the Umpire in Chief after the game is completed. The Umpire in Chief will make recommendations for disciplinary action to the Board of Directors.

I have read and understand this MLL Umpire Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to comply with this Code of Conduct will result in a review by the MLL Board of Directors and the Board may assess disciplinary action up to and including the revocation of umpiring privileges for the current season. I agree that I will have an opportunity to be heard, but that all decisions by the MLL Board of Directors are final.

Umpire Signature/Date

I, as the parent/legal guardian, have read, understand and will support my youth umpire's commitment to the MLL Umpire Code of Conduct.

Parent/Guardian Signature/Date