

## Attachment 2

### Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

The excitement of youth sport brings out the best and, unfortunately, the worst in many adults. This Code reinforces the importance of avoiding the latter and the consequences should an unfortunate incident occur. HLL is a completely volunteer organization. Our volunteers dedicate many hours because they love the game and the youth of our community. Knowing and abiding by the Parent Code of Conduct is the most important thing that you can do to keep our volunteers and your children participating in youth sports. HLL takes the Parent Code of Conduct very seriously and we hope that you will also.

I (we) pledge to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them.
- I will inform the coach of any physical or mental disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I will not smoke, consume alcohol, or be intoxicated at any games, practices, or league functions.
- I will be responsible for the conduct of my guests, which include, but are not limited to friends and relatives.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy and positive support for all umpires, players, coaches, and spectators.
- 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; arguing umpire calls; or using profane language or gestures.
- 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, sex or ability.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child, other players, coaches, or umpires...even if they make a mistake or lose a competition.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of all players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials 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 refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am a team coach.
- I will not stand at the dugout nor come near the dugout during a game without specific permission

I agree that if I fail to abide by these rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal or written warning by official, head coach, or HLL Board
- Parental game or season suspension with written documentation of incident
- Forfeit of the game at the discretion of the umpire or coach

Repeat occurrences or failure to comply with imposed discipline may result in removal of your child from the league (this would be at last resort).

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Signature of all parents/guardians

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date

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Printed name of parents or guardians

***Sign and Return this pledge to your child's Coach***