

Lakeside Little League Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

Lakeside Little League adheres to essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and the core principles of respect, trustworthiness, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship.

We, the Lakeside Little League, have implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. We ask that parents read, understand and agree to this form prior to their children participating in our league.

I agree that misconduct by me or my guests may result in my being asked to leave the sports facility and that I could be subject to future suspensions from league games and functions.

I furthermore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports;
2. I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun, develop friendships, and learn valuable life lessons, and that the game is for youth, not adults;
3. I will inform the manager or coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others in a timely manner;
4. I will endeavor to learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league;
5. 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, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators at every game, practice, or other league sponsored and/or affiliated events;
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators. This conduct includes, but is not limited to, physically and/or verbally harassing, taunting, booing or otherwise demeaning or insulting those parties; using profane or crude language and/or gestures; engaging in any other inappropriate behavior;
7. I will not exhibit and/or display any behaviors, language and/or other practices that would, or potentially could, endanger the physical and/or emotional health, well-being and/or safety of any players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators;
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts in a safe and respectful manner without resorting to hostility or violence;
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, managers, coaches, umpires, officials, parents and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, religion, age, or ability;
10. I will teach my child that trying and 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;
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard;
12. I will never ridicule, yell at, berate, antagonize and/or otherwise degrade my child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition;
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning;
14. I will deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups, and place them in the proper perspective in all other groups;
15. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child and/or his/her team to win;
16. I will respect the umpires and other officials and their authority during games and practices and will never question, discuss, and/or confront umpires, officials, managers and/or coaches at the game field, and will take the time to speak in a respectful and civil manner to officials, managers and/or coaches at an agreed upon time and place;
17. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, alcohol and tobacco, and I will refrain from their use at all games and practices;
18. I will refrain from coaching and/or instructing my child or any other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official managers or coaches of the team;
19. I will accept all decisions of umpires and game officials, regardless of whether I agree with those decisions;
20. I will strive to set a positive role model and example for my child and other players;
21. I will ensure that there is always adequate supervision when my child is in the company of league officials in order to verify that all interactions with my child are appropriate. Furthermore, I will immediately report any actions that I consider to be inappropriate to a Lakeside Little League Board Member.
22. I understand that Lakeside Little League is an organization run by volunteers. I acknowledge that managers, coaches and board members are all volunteers who contribute their time in an effort to create the best experience possible for my child(ren). I further acknowledge that the league may need my assistance throughout the season and I will do my part to help the league as a volunteer. The most typical volunteer responsibilities include working in the snack shack several times during the course of the season and helping to prep the fields on occasion.