



Simsbury Little League
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CONDUCT CONTRACT FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL MANAGERS AND COACHES

Simsbury Little League continually places a special emphasis on the promotion of sportsmanship and the honoring of the League's philosophies on how the league should be run. Our managers and coaches play a vital role in ensuring that the League's philosophies reach the fields and in approving manager and coach appointments, the League expects each manager and coach to respect that role. As part of this effort, we ask that all managers, coaches, players, parents and umpires sign a contract regarding their conduct during the season. Please carefully read and sign the following:

As a manager or coach in Simsbury Little League, I understand the position of trust and responsibility that I have accepted and I understand that I am being asked to be a part of the leadership of Simsbury Little League at the field level and accept the responsibility to act accordingly. I understand that my actions must be above reproach. I agree to the following:

1. I will behave as a positive role model for all Simsbury Little League players.
2. I will encourage my players at every opportunity and refrain from using negative coaching tactics.
3. **I will not argue with or attempt to influence umpires. When discussing a rule interpretation with an umpire, I will do so in a mature and respectful manner within the rules established by the league.**
4. I will encourage players to develop good sportsmanship, teamwork and self-discipline whether the team wins or loses.
5. I will know and play by the rules of Simsbury Little League Baseball and Softball.
6. I will read and support the player's conduct contract.
7. I will instill in all players a desire to improve as baseball players and persons and I will impart as much baseball knowledge as possible to all players, regardless of their team.
8. I will provide an opportunity for all players to participate.
9. I will communicate with the parents of my players to help them understand the philosophy of Simsbury Little League and to gain their cooperation in dealing with any behavioral problems that arise.
10. I will always act as a leadership representative of Simsbury Little League at the field level and will always act in a way that is consistent with how the League wants its managers and coaches to interact with players, parents, other team managers, other team coaches and Board Members, whether under the League's written rules or its philosophical rules set out in the annual Managers' meeting and during the course of the season as articulated by the League's Board of Directors and articulated to the managers and coaches by the Division Directors.
11. I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior on my part, or a failure to act consistent with being a leadership representative of Simsbury Little League at the field level can lead to my suspension from and possible forfeiture of, a game(s). I understand that by violating these rules of conduct, I may also be suspended from my managerial or coaching duties. I understand that in these circumstances, I will be required to appear before a Simsbury Little League Board of Directors or a Board committee to explain my actions and that the committee will take whatever action it feels is justified. By signing below, I agree to abide by the decision(s) of the Board or the Board's Committee.
12. As a manager, I agree to communicate and enforce these rules consistently to my coaches in an ongoing effort to support this code of conduct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____