



CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Demonstrate self control and respect for others at all times.
- Remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that is not to be abused by unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Show respect to all opponents. Shake hands after the competition and congratulate them on their performance.
- Accept the judgment of the Managers, Umpires and League Officials. Remember, there will be absolutely no arguing an Umpire's call.
- Remember that improper behavior while in uniform reflects poorly upon yourself, your team, your family and your community.
- Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game.
- Accept victory and defeat with grace and dignity.
- Mistreatment of Southampton Little League equipment by negligence, willful misconduct or carelessness will not be tolerated.
- Sexist, racial or ethnic comments, as well as the use of crude, abusive or profane language, will not be tolerated.
- Aggressive physical contact is grounds for immediate ejection from any Southampton Little League game or event.
- Alcohol and tobacco are strictly forbidden on the fields or in any area of the Southampton Little League fields.
- Southampton Little League players, whether they are in uniform or not, are considered to be players and are subject to the rules established for players at all times.

PLAYER CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

- Any player who violates the code of conduct will be reported to the Vice President of Baseball Operations on an official "Player Disciplinary Referral" form. Any Southampton Little League official may make a disciplinary referral including, but not limited to Managers, Coaches, Umpires, Commissioners and Board Members.
 - In the event a player violates a rule serious enough to warrant ejection from the game, only the Umpire may eject the player. Division Commissioners and Executive Board Members may request time out during a game to confer with the Umpire over any violation that may result in an ejection, and mandate that the Player is ejected, with the Umpire being ultimately responsible for carrying out the ejection. All ejections **MUST** be reported on a Disciplinary Referral Form by the Umpire and other involved League Official. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Any player ejected from a game must be escorted and turned over to a parent or the legal guardian if present. If no parent is present the child will set outside the dugout and his/her parents must be called to come pick up their child. All ejections must be report to the League Official.
- The Vice President of Baseball Operations will review the referrals and may impose punishment up to and including suspension pending review by the Board of Directors. If the player is suspended, he/she must sit out the suspension game.
 - Any suspension handed down in excess of one game will automatically be reviewed by the Board of Directors. Parents may appeal any suspension through the division commissioner and will come in front of the Board of Directors at the next regular scheduled meeting.
 - Players who repeatedly violate the Code of Conduct can be suspended for the balance of the season.

MANAGER/COACH RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promote good sportsmanship by setting a positive example while coaching your athletes.
- Accept the judgment of Coaches, Umpires and League Officials. Remember, there will be absolutely no arguing an Umpire's call.
- Explain official rulings to players without negative comments.
- Sexist, racial or ethnic comments will not be tolerated.
- Approach competition as a healthy and constructive exercise, not as a life and death struggle that requires victory at any price.
- Recognize that the league participants have human frailties and limitations, and are capable of making mistakes -- just like you are.
- Show respect to all opponents. Shake hands after the competition and congratulate them on their performance.
- The use of crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials or spectators will not be tolerated.



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- Avoid behavior that will incite players, opponents or spectators.
- Aggressive physical contact will not be tolerated.
- Instruct the players in the elements of good sportsmanship, and remove players from competition who demonstrate unsportsmanlike behavior.
- No alcohol or tobacco products are allowed on the field or near the dugouts by Managers or their Coaches.
- Remember, it is ultimately the responsibility of the Managers to ensure that their players and spectators follow the code of conduct.

MANAGER/COACH CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING THE CODE OF CONDUCT

- The league considers any violation of the code of conduct involving a Manager or Coach to be a serious breach of their duties. The Vice President of Baseball Operations will review all complaints, including game ejections, and rule accordingly, up to an including suspension. Repeated violations could result in expulsion from the league.
- Any manager or coach ejected from a game must leave the field of play and general area of the field of play immediately upon their ejection. The Umpire may forfeit the game to the opposing team if the Manager/Coach does not leave as directed. Ejections **MUST** be reported on an Incident Report by the Umpire and any other involved League Officials. **NO**

EXCEPTIONS

- Managers/Coaches may appeal any suspension to the Board of Directors for review.

SPECTATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Keep cheering positive. There will be no profanity, degrading language or gestures. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
- Avoid actions that may offend opposing teams or individual players.
- Learn the rules of the game in order to be a better-informed spectator.
- Treat all opposing teams in a manner in which you would expect to be treated.
- Accept the judgment of Managers, Umpires and League Officials.
- Sexist, racist or ethnic comments will not be tolerated.
- No alcohol is allowed on the fields or in the parking areas.
- Smoking is prohibited in the bleachers or by the dug outs.
- Any non-player on the premises, who is not involved in a game situation or the day to day operations of the league, will be considered a spectator for the purposes of this code of conduct.

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- The Umpire will direct the Manager of the team with the offending spectator to issue a warning to the spectator in question, requesting that the spectator cease and desist the improper behavior cited. **NOTE:** If it is unclear which team the offending spectator is supporting, if the spectator is clearly not affiliated with either team, or if he or she is an unattended child; the Umpire will stop the game until the offending spectator leaves the field area.
- If the spectator persists in the improper behavior, the Umpire will ask the spectator to leave the Southampton Little League premises.
- If the spectator does not leave at the request of the Umpire, the Umpire will notify the manager of the offending team of an impending forfeit against that team. After a reasonable time, if the spectator has not left, the Umpire will forfeit the game against the offending team, and sign the scorebook of both teams indicating the exact point of the game at the time of the forfeit.
- The Umpire and both Managers must file an incident report with the VP for Baseball Operations immediately upon completion of the game.
- Any spectator involved in a second incident that requires the filing of an Incident Report (that is upheld by the VP Baseball Operations) will be banned from all Southampton Little League games and events for the rest of the season. Any appeals must be made through the division commissioner and will be brought to the Board of Directors for review at a regular scheduled meeting.



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AS A TEAM WE HAVE READ THE ABOVE CODE OF CONDUCT AND PARENTS, PLAYERS AND COACHES HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THIS CODE OF CONDUCT.

Team Name _____ Division _____ Year _____

Managers Signature _____

Coach signature _____ Coach Signature _____ Coach Signature _____

Players Signature 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____

5) _____ 6) _____

7) _____ 8) _____

9) _____ 10) _____

11) _____ 12) _____

13) _____ 14) _____

Parents Signature 1) _____ 2) _____

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