Glastonbury Little League

COACHES FLYER

Conducting a Little League baseball and softball program requires the time and effort from a wide spectrum of people. It takes the collective energies of administrators, coaches, umpires, sponsors, Parks and Rec crews, stand staff and parents, all working as a team to achieve our reason for being. That is to provide for every single GLL player, a quality learning experience within a positive environment. Undoubtedly, coaches play a vital role. To properly play that role, the following coaching elements are critical. Coaches should be knowledgeable of their Division’s Coach Manual.

A. All Coaches must be vetted via background checks and placed on rosters before they are allowed to participate and interact with any GLL players in practices and games. This protects our players from undesirables and protects our registered and rostered coaches from litigation.
B. Recognize their decorum provides role modeling for impressionable young minds.
C. Their interactions with umpires are limited to rules interpretations on the field. Balls/strikes, fair/foul, out/safe are judgement calls and are not to be challenged. Verbal and body language challenges on the aforementioned are prohibited. Time out has to be granted by the umpire for a coach to leave the dugout to discuss a rule. When and if the umpire directs the coach to return to the dugout, he/she must do so, promptly. Seeking agreement from an opposing coach to effort an overturning of an umpire call is strictly prohibited
D. Coach is to be attentive to and curtail fan umpire challenges, negative comments and cheering intended to distract opponents.
E. Strictly adhere to GLL’s mandates on equal playing time and batter count pitching rules as provided in the Division Coach Manual.
F. Instill self-confidence and a sense of belonging in every player on his/her roster. This is importance on stilts and a foundational GLL goal.
G. To use only GLL sanctioned facilities, noted fields, schools, batting cages to conduct games, practices, meetings, etc. Doing so, negates medical and liability coverage for coaches and players.
H. Games with non GLL teams is prohibited without appropriate GLL and District waivers. Doing so, negates medical and liability coverage for coaches and players.
I. Coaches are not to conduct activities or purchases that may require team personnel or families to expend funds whether or not it is mandated or optional.
J. Return the new and used balls, loaned gloves, equipment box keys and scorebooks(not Rookies and Tees) upon completion of the season.
K. Be mindful of the long term preservation of the fields we use. Adhere to the field cancellations that are communicated and use good judgement when conditions worsen during team activities. Coaches and fans are not to work on fields without GLL/P&R approval.
L. To prepare and conduct efficient practices that keep all players engaged and provide opportunities for all players to enhance skills.

Thank You for volunteering!!!! It is most appreciated.