



Seneca Falls Community Little League

Parent Code of Conduct

Seneca Falls Community Little League, Inc. has implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the purpose of expressing our expectations for the conduct of parents while supporting their child(ren) in our Little League program. Parents must read, understand, and sign this form prior to their child(ren) participating in our league.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship, and 6 core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Good Citizenship. It is essential that competition within our Little League program reflects these character traits.

Any parent, guest, or volunteer guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice may be asked to leave the sports facility and may be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games after the conduct is reviewed by the Seneca Falls Community Little League Board of Directors.

As a parent, I agree to conduct myself in the following manner:

1. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child(ren) and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy as well as demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures.
2. I will not force my child(ren) to participate in sports, remembering that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
4. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
5. I will respect the rules of the game and policies of the league.
6. I will teach my child(ren) to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will demand that my child(ren) treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
8. I will teach my child(ren) that doing one's best is more important than winning. I will praise my child(ren) for competing fairly and trying hard. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
9. I will never ridicule or yell at my child(ren) or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition. I will emphasize skill development over winning. I will also de-emphasize competition at the Tee Ball and Coach Pitch levels.
10. I will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during games. I will never question or confront coaches at the game field but will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
11. Unless I am one of the official coaches of the team, I will refrain from coaching my child(ren) or other players during games and practices.
12. I will maintain a sports environment for my child(ren) that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will refrain from their use at all practices and games.

Participating Child

Name of Parent/Guardian (Print)

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