

## Seneca Falls Community Little League

## Manager, Coach, Team Volunteer Code of Conduct

All managers, coaches, and team volunteers must read, understand and sign this form prior to their first practice.

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

Any manager, coach, or team volunteer guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice may be subject to an official league warning, removal from the game or practice, or suspension based on the severity of the incident. The severity of the incident will be determined by the Little League executive board and an appropriate consequence will be implemented at the board's discretion. Repeat violations may result in multiple game suspensions, suspension for the season, or expulsion from coaching in the future.

## As a manager, coach or team volunteer, I agree to conduct myself in the following manner:

- 1. Managers, coaches and team volunteers will be positive role models and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy.
- 2. Winning is not the only goal. Sportsmanship, team building, skill development and continued participation are our goals. Success is not measured by W's or L's. It is measured by who had a positive experience and who wants to return the next season.
- 3. I agree to engage in conduct that will not endanger the mental or physical health and well-being of the athletes.
- 4. I agree to treat opposing managers/coaches/players with respect. Resolution of any conflict will be handled in a calm manner.
- 5. Umpires are volunteers and not professionals. I agree to treat umpires with respect. Resolution of any conflict will be handled calmly by the Team Manager and not in front of players or spectators.
- 6. I will demand that all players and coaches treat other players, coaches, umpires and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 7. I will maintain a sports environment for my players that is free from illegal or legal drugs, tobacco and alcohol. I will refrain from their use at all practices and games.