



Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaches play a critical role in the development of players, both athletically and personally. Coaches must recognize and respect the authority they hold, and must be very careful not to abuse it. The values and goals of the Little League program are channeled through the coaches. Therefore, how a player regards his or her time in Little League is dependent upon the behaviour of the coach.

As a coach in Highlands Little League, I agree to the following:

- Safety is a priority. I will create a physically and emotionally safe environment for play. I will ensure that players are using and wearing appropriate equipment.
- I will be reasonable in my expectation of my players knowing that players develop at different rates.
- I will teach my players to play by the rules, just as I will play by the rules.
- I will be constructive in my criticisms, preceding or following them with praise for things done right.
- I will give every player the same chance. Little League is not about the elite player, it's about getting everyone involved as a part of a team.
- I will treat the umpires with respect and will set a good example.
- I will strive to win, but not at all costs, which can come at the expense of my players not getting enough differing opportunities. Everyone should play both infield and outfield over the course of the season.
- I will use my voice and words wisely when the game is on to encourage my players, and discuss the mistakes quietly afterwards.
- I will treat the league's facilities and equipment with care and I will leave the park and dugouts in the same or better condition as when I arrived.
- I will create a sports environment for my team that is free from profanity, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.

I understand that failure to comply with this code of conduct could result in a suspension, expulsion or other disciplinary action.

Name (print): _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____