



DOVER LITTLE LEAGUE

CODE OF ETHICS & DISCIPLINARY POLICIES

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Purpose

To give players, parents, league officials, managers and coaches a guideline for standards of conduct required for a success program. Dover Little League (DLL) will strive to administer this code as it is written, and continue to maintain the high standards of sportsmanship & cooperation that is expected of all members of the League.

The President and Board of Directors will hold each manager, coach, player and parent responsible for their conduct in accordance with the requirements of this code. Failure to do so will result in suspension from the league

Managers and Coaches

1. If a question arises concerning "the rules" or "a judgment call," the manager alone may call it to the official's attention (only once) and with due courtesy.

The manager or coach will not argue, raise their voice, threaten, openly disapprove or continue discussion of the incident after the umpire-in-chief closes the discussion and continues the game.

2. Managers and coaches will not at any time berate, chastise, admonish, argue with, belittle or strike a player of the opposing team, the umpire, spectator, or opposing coaches and managers.

3. Profane, vulgar or offensive language shall not be tolerated at any time.

4. Managers and coaches will respect the directions of the official and responsibly support the rules and penalties of the code as well as Little League rules, and will at all times present themselves in a sportsmanlike manner.

Parents and Spectators

Official Little League Parents Code of Conduct:

<http://www.littleleague.org/media/parenteducation.htm>

Parents and other spectators shall not:

- 1 Enter the playing area during the game.
2. Heckle, insult, belittle, or argue with managers, coaches, players, umpires or league officials.
3. Use profane, vulgar or demeaning language in or around any league premises.
4. Speak or act in any unsportsmanlike manner.

Parents and other spectators will:

5. Demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events.
6. Ask their child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability
7. Demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.
8. Place the emotional and physical well being of my child and other children ahead of any personal desire.
9. Promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.

Player's Code of Conduct

Players will:

1. Pledge to be positive about my youth baseball experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Code of Conduct.
- 2 Encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
3. Attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
4. Do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
5. Expect to receive a fair amount of playing time.
6. Treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
7. Deserve to have fun during my baseball experience and will alert my parents and coaches if it stops being fun!
8. Deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
9. Encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
10. Do my very best in school.
11. Remember that youth baseball is an opportunity to learn and have fun.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

Disciplinary committee consists of: President, Umpire-in-chief, and Managers Rep, (or a suitable alternate) where infraction occurred. Flagrant offences and consequences will be decided by the Dover Southside Little League Disciplinary committee and the Board of Directors.

This league has a no tolerance policy for confrontations at any Little League sponsored function, verbal or physical and will notify local authorities when it sees fit. The mentioned items may apply to parents and guests as well.

FLAGRANT OFFENSES

Assaulting, laying a hand upon, push, shove, strike or threaten to strike or harm a player, coach, fan, umpire, or League Official.

Player: One (1) game suspension or expulsion from the league

Volunteer: Two (2) game suspensions or expulsion from the league

Spectator: Immediate removal from playing area written warning, and/or banned from attending future games.

Vulgar, obscene, foul language, verbal abuse, at anytime shall not be directed at a player, coach, fan, umpire or League

Official: Signs of unsportsmanlike conduct (throwing items on the field or in the dug out) will not be tolerated.

Player, Volunteer, Spectator:

1st offense--- Warning (verbal or written) and or one (1) game suspension or expulsion from the league

2nd offense--- Two (2) game suspension or expulsion from the league

3rd offense--- Expulsion from the league

Use of Alcohol: Alcohol is prohibited in the park at all times. A representative of this league shall not appear on the field of play, stands, or any Dover Southside Little League property while in an intoxicated state. Intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue.

1st offense-- suspension from current game and next game

2nd offense-- expulsion from the league

Spectators will be removed from the game area immediately when and if instances arise directly related to alcohol consumption and intoxication. Local authorities will be called.

A manager may take appropriate disciplinary action against a player, including but not limited to restriction of playing time for just cause. The manager shall notify the official scorer and the opposing team's manager of any exceptions to Local Rule #1 prior to the start of the game. Disciplinary actions by managers may be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

Tobacco Use: Volunteers:

Tobacco use is prohibited on any Dover Southside Little League property. Tobacco products must not be visible to players at anytime while on fields or in dugouts.

1st offense- written/verbal warning

2nd offense- written /verbal warning and suspension from one game

3rd offense-- expulsion from league

Managers:

Mandatory play must be adhered to at all times. Choosing not to play a player the required time will result in:

1st offense---One (1) game suspension

2nd offense---Two (2) game suspensions,

3rd offense---Loss of team and ineligible for tournament play

Failure to comply with Little League Rulebook, Standing Rules, Tournament rules, ASAP Safety Plan (which includes all

required clinics and first aide classes) and District 10 Inter-League Rules will result in:

1st offense--- One (1) game suspension

2nd offense--- Two (2) game suspensions, loss of team and ineligible for tournament play

3rd offense--- Complete loss of coaching privileges in future seasons

Ejections: Volunteers, Players and Spectators: if suspended from a game by an umpire the following will be enforced:

1st offense---One (1) game suspension of next physically played game

2nd offense---Two (2) game suspension and removal from team

3rd offense--- Removal from team and ineligible for tournament play

Any player, manager, coach or umpire who is ejected, suspended or disciplined for gross misconduct shall not be allowed to participate in tournament play. Gross misconduct defined but not limited to excessive foul language, abuse, (whether physical, verbal or by any other means), cheating, altering scorecards, or threatening others. Final determination to be made by the Disciplinary Committee, and the Board of Directors.

Umpires:

Failure to comply with the Little League Rule Book, Local Exceptions to the Rules, Tournament Rules or ASAP Plan, will result in:

1st offense---One (1) game suspension or expulsion from the league

2nd offense---Two (2) game suspension or expulsion from the league

Right of Appeal

Any decision to remove an individual from the League must be approved by the full Board of Directors.

A manager or coach has the right to appeal an ejection that he/she feels is inappropriate. The appeal will only be heard in regard to the additional penalties that are assessed as a result of the ejection.