



### **MANAGER CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a Lincoln Little League manager, I pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while coaching, officiating and participating in Lincoln Little League events. In furtherance of my role in supporting and developing players, and promoting fair play and safety, I hereby pledge that I will:

- Provide a safe and supportive playing environment for all players.
- Maintain a positive attitude.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of my desire to win.
- Treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- Keep in mind that players have a range of skills and spend equal time coaching all players to help them have fun and improve.
- Do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play to all players.
- Learn, understand, and follow the rules of Lincoln Little League and teach them to my players.
- Explain the goals and objectives of Little League to parents and players at the beginning of the season.
- Ensure that all players are allotted the guaranteed play time required by Little League International.
- Remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Not abuse other coaches, umpires, parents, or players.
- Respect and support officials, never criticizing umpires publicly. Call timeout and approach the umpire to calmly discuss your grievance.
- Promote fun and fair play over winning.
- Not use profanity or other offensive language.
- Encourage all team members to treat all players, teammates, coaches, officials, and parents with respect.
- Emphasize and foster a team atmosphere and not individual achievements.
- Be consistent, honest, fair, and ethical, never berating players or shaming them.
- Maintain an open line of communication with parents and players.
- Never use alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products when in contact with players.
- Be responsible for league policies.
- Return all equipment and player evaluations per league policies.

### **GAME PLAY CONDUCT**

- Any Manager, Coach, Player, or Parent ejected by an umpire during a game will be suspended for the remainder of the game and the next physically played game.
- Any Manager, Coach, Player, or Parent involved in a heated argument with a Plate Umpire, Field Umpire, or another Manager or Coach, may be suspended.
- The use of inappropriate language by Managers, Coaches, Players, or parents will not be tolerated under any circumstances. The use of such language may result in a one game suspension. The Zero Tolerance policy will be strictly enforced!
- Any Players, Managers, or Coaches throwing field equipment may be subject to suspension.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_