

East Bridgewater Little League Board of Directors Zero Tolerance Policy and Sanctions

East Bridgewater Little League (EBLL) is a program of service to the youth. We are geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training, under good leadership, in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation.

Little League is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens. We strive to inspire them with a goal and to enrich their lives towards the day when they must take their places in the world.

Our mission is to help the youth of our community become better individuals and develop their baseball or softball skills. Baseball and Softball embodies the discipline of teamwork. It challenges players towards perfection of physical skills and brings into play the excitement of tactics and strategy.

The nature of baseball and softball also teaches that while every player eventually strikes out or is on a losing team, there is always another chance for success in the next at bat, the next fielding play or the next game.

Too often, in recent times, this ethic has been ignored to the detriment of our players, coaches, umpires and spectators. In an effort to return to the ideals Little League and to insure that all events remain safe and enjoyable for all members of the community, the Board of Directors of EBLL have adopted a policy of “zero tolerance” regarding abusive, rude or unsportsmanlike conduct by any player, coach, official or spectator.

The term Zero Tolerance encompasses a wide range of actions or verbiage directed from one person to another, or a group of people, including but not limited to:

Unsolicited physical contact which would constitute assault under state law.

Profanity or verbal abuse directed towards any coach, player, umpire, official, spectator or any other participant.

Ejection from a game or surroundings for any other reason not consistent with the values of the East Bridgewater Little League

Behavior or conduct that has the purpose or effect of creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment for an individual or group, including but not limited to, race, ethnicity and sexual orientation

Effective immediately, with respect to any practice or game (regular season, post season or all-star game) the EBLL Board of Directors hereby establishes a policy of zero tolerance which will be enforced in any situation where a player, coach or spectator are ejected from a game or asked to vacate the premises by an umpire or official of EBLL. The following consequences, while not all-inclusive, shall apply to all instances described above. For those actions not described, the EBLL Board of Directors will use these sanctions as a guide for determining an appropriate course of action.

ZERO TOLERANCE INFRACTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND SPECTATORS

INFRACTION CONSEQUENCE

Use of alcohol or other illegal substances within the complex during games, practices or league events where players are present

- 1st - Ejection from game surroundings
- 2nd – Ejection from the game surroundings for the remainder of the season

Interference with the conduct of the game resulting in stoppage of play

- 1st - Ejection from game surroundings
- 2nd – Ejection from the game surroundings for the remainder of the season

Foul or abusive language directed toward a player, coach, umpire, official or spectator

- 1st - Ejection from game surroundings
- 2nd – Ejection from the game surroundings for the remainder of the season

Threatening gesture and/or language directed toward a player, coach, umpire, official or spectator

- 1st - Ejection from game surroundings
- 2nd – Ejection from the game surroundings for the remainder of the season

Striking or bodily assault of any player, coach, umpire, official or spectator by a parent/guardian

- 1st – Ejection from the game and / or surroundings for the remainder of the season, and notification to police department

Striking or bodily assault of any player, coach, umpire, official or spectator by a spectator

- 1st – Ejection from the game and / or surroundings for the remainder of the season, and notification to police department

Ejection from game or practice for any reason

- 1st – Ejection from the game surroundings
- 2nd– Ejection from game surroundings (length of time to be determined by Discipline Committee)
- 3rd – Ejection from game surroundings (length of time to be determined by Discipline Committee)

PLAYERS, COACHES, UMPIRES AND OFFICIALS

INFRACTION CONSEQUENCE

Use of alcohol or other illegal substances within the complex during games, practices or league events where players are present

- 1st – 2 game suspension
- 2nd – Full season suspension

Knowingly allowing a player to play while having a serious injury or creating unsafe play conditions

Suspension for the remainder of the season

Foul or abusive language directed toward a player, coach, umpire, official or spectator

- 1st - Ejection from the game or practice and 1 game suspension
- 2nd – Ejection from the game or practice and 3 game suspension
- 3rd – Ejection from the game or practice and suspension for the remainder of the season

Threatening gesture and/or language directed toward a player, coach, umpire or league official or spectator

- 1st - Ejection from the game or practice and 2 game suspension
- 2nd – Ejection from the game or practice and 5 game suspension
- 3rd – Ejection from the game or practice and suspension for the remainder of the season

Allowing/encouraging foul or abusive language directed toward a player, coach, umpire, official or spectator

- 1st - Ejection from the game or practice and 2 game suspension
- 2nd – Ejection from the game or practice and 5 game suspension
- 3rd – Ejection from the game or practice and suspension for the remainder of the season

Striking or bodily assault of any player, coach, umpire, official or spectator

1st offense

- Player – Ejection from the game and 2 game suspension
- Coach – Ejection from the game or surroundings and 1 year suspension, and notification to police department
- Umpire/Official – 1 year suspension, and notification to police department

Ejection from game or practice for any reason other than stated here

- 1st - Ejection from the game or practice
- 2nd – Ejection from the game or practice (length of time to be determined by Discipline Committee)
- 3rd – Ejection from the game or practice (length of time to be determined by Discipline Committee)