

# Thunderbird Little League



Founded 1963

Albuquerque, New Mexico

## Zero Tolerance Policy

Thunderbird Little League will impose a Zero Tolerance Policy that will be applied to all players, parents, managers, coaches, umpires and board members that display disrespect towards on-field players, parents, managers, coaches, umpires and board members.

To curb abuse and to create an atmosphere of teamwork and fair play, umpires will apply rule XIV-Field Decorum (a) *The actions **on or off the field**, of players, managers, coaches, umpires, and league officials must be above reproach. Any player, manager, coach, umpire, or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other Little League activity **including through online or social media**, is subject to disciplinary action by the local league Board of Directors.*

**Examples include and may not be limited to the following:**

- **Intimidation of an Umpire**
- **Challenging the Authority or Competence of a Player, Umpire, Parent, Manager, Coach, or Board Member.**
- **Inciting abuse or disrespect of any Player, Umpire, Parent, Manager, Coach, or Board Member.**
- **Embarrassment of an Umpire for a call made or missed.**
- **Making comments or gestures intended to be personal in nature to a Player, Umpire, Parent, Manager, Coach, or Board Member.**
- **The use of any profanity on the field of play or anywhere on the League Complex is prohibited.**

If the Zero Tolerance Policy is violated, the on-field umpire or any member of the Board of Directors of Thunderbird Little League will stop the game immediately. **The offending person will be asked to leave the field area. Failure of the offending person to leave the field area in a timely manner may result in the game being forfeited.**

**Anytime the Zero Tolerance Policy has been violated, a report shall be filed with the Board of Directors, as deemed necessary, and may require subsequent disciplinary actions. Any report filed against an individual, will require that individual to appear before the Board of Directors to review the case, if possible before the next scheduled game.**

Thunderbird Little League requires its Umpires and Board Members to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions/decisions of an umpire must be above reproach. Actions such as “baiting” or inciting players, parents or coaches are strictly enforced.

Players, Coaches and Parents can do their part by learning to respect the umpires’ decisions. It is important that everyone refrain from using language, gestures, or name calling directed at umpires, opponents and even spectators. If you have a problem with an official’s attitude or action, it is advised, to file a complaint with the head of umpires or a board member. All complaints will be reviewed at a scheduled open board meeting and addressed with all parties.

**All Volunteers, Player, Umpire, Parent, Manager, Coach, or Board Members are requested to sign this statement to acknowledge their understanding of this agreement.**


Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

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