



# Codes of Conduct

## **PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a Lake Forest Little League Parent/Spectator, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in Lake Forest Little League by adhering to the following code of conduct:

- I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for them and not the adults.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support at all times.
- I will demand that my child treats coaches, officials, and other players with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning by praising them for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or spectator including but not limited to booing or taunting, using or threatening any form of physical violence, or using profane language.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games (unless I am their coach).
- I will not appear at any league event while in an intoxicated state (intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue).

**I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the Lake Forest Little League Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal/written warning
- Parental expulsion/suspension from league event(s)
- Parental season expulsion/suspension

**The Lake Forest Little League Board of Directors retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.**

## **MANAGER/COACH CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a Lake Forest Little League Manager/Coach, I hereby pledge to promote the physical, social, and emotional development of each child participating in Lake Forest Little League by adhering to the following code of conduct:

- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the children, not the adults.
- I understand that the objective of the Lake Forest Little League is to promote the ideals of good sportsmanship, respect for authority and team building, and will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and good sportsmanship.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of my own desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, realizing the large range of development for the same age group.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will, with the assistance of a team parent, handle all administrative requirements of the team.
- I will commit to spending the time necessary with my team at practices and games, and do my best to organize play that is fun and challenging for all players.
- I will promote the Parent and Player Code of Conducts among my players and their families.

- I will be responsible for the proper use and care of all league equipment and facilities, and will return all assigned team equipment on the date specified by the Equipment Manager at the end of the season.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, board member, coach, player or spectator including but not limited to excessive arguing or arguing in a disrespectful manner, booing or taunting, playing children less than the minimum play requirements, using or threatening any form of physical violence, or using profane language.
- I will not tamper with or manipulate any league rosters, schedules, draft positions or selections, or official score books or pitch count logs.
- I will not appear at any league event while in an intoxicated state (intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue).

**I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the Lake Forest Little League Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal/written warning
- Manager/Coach expulsion/suspension from league event(s)
- Manager/Coach season expulsion/suspension

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### **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a Lake Forest Little League Player, I hereby pledge to be respectful of others, be responsible, play fair, and always do my best and exhibit good sportsmanship by adhering to the following code of conduct:

- I will be a team player and support my teammates by applauding their efforts at practice and games.
- I will do my best to be on time at practice and games, to listen and learn from my coaches, and be an active participant.
- I will accept the decisions of the officials with grace and never challenge or question calls.
- I will be generous when I win and gracious when I lose and will always congratulate the other team after each game as a demonstration of sportsmanship.
- I will not engage in or display any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct including but not limited to excessive arguing or arguing in a disrespectful manner, booing or taunting, using or threatening any form of physical violence, throwing equipment in a forceful manner (regardless of whether or not directed at another person), or using profane or unfriendly language.

**I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the Lake Forest Little League Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal/written warning
- Player expulsion/suspension from league event(s)
- Player season expulsion/suspension (including postseason tournaments)

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### **UMPIRE CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a Lake Forest Little League Official/Umpire, I hereby pledge to promote a safe, impartial, and respectful environment so that teams can play fair and strive to win by adhering to the following code of conduct:

- I will run the game in accordance with our local league playing rules and the Little League Rulebook.
- I will promote the safety of the players by removing any equipment deemed to be a safety hazard and suspending or ending a game if playing conditions are not safe.
- I will remain unbiased and never make calls intended to influence the outcome of the game.

- I will do my best to make clear, decisive calls and not allow any coaches, players or spectators to influence my calls.
- I will work as a team with my other umpire(s) and will not show any disapproval towards calls that are made by the other umpire(s).
- I will refrain from coaching any player during the game.
- I will maintain a positive and professional relationship with the coaches, players and spectators and will handle conflicts firmly and with dignity by remaining calm and not allowing myself to engage in arguments, use or threaten any form of physical violence, or use profane language.
- I will not appear at any league event while in an intoxicated state (intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue).

**I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the Lake Forest Little League Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal/written warning
- Umpire expulsion/suspension from league event(s)
- Umpire season expulsion/suspension (including postseason tournaments)

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### **BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT**

As a Lake Forest Little League Board Member, I hereby pledge to promote the mission of Lake Forest Little League, monitor its activities, and guard its financial resources by adhering to the following code of conduct:

- I will act with honesty and integrity and for the good of the organization and for the interests of ALL people served by the organization, including but not limited to the coaches, umpires, players and their parents.
- I will positively support and respect all opinions provided by my fellow board members, and any actions taken by the board of directors even when I am in a minority position on such actions, while retaining the right to seek changes through ethical and constructive channels.
- I will be an active participant on the board, by regularly attending meetings and fulfilling the duties as required by my position(s) on the board.
- I understand that confidential matters may be discussed by the board from time to time and will not discuss such matters with any persons outside of the board.
- I will not appear at any league event while in an intoxicated state (intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue).

**I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the other members of the Lake Forest Little League Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal/written warning
- Expulsion/suspension from the board

**The other members of the Lake Forest Little League Board of Directors retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.**