



North Manchester Hooksett Little League

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Parent, Manager and Player Code of Conduct

MANAGER CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. As managers and coaches in North Manchester Hooksett Little League (NMHLL) you should be models of good sportsmanship and behavior for your child and all children in the community including participants and spectators alike.

It is the expectation that everyone involved in Little League activities conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with Little League values and represents LLB and NMHLL in a positive manner while following the Code of Conduct:

- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Promote fun, fairness, and sportsmanship over winning.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of personal desire to win.
- Provide CONSTRUCTIVE feedback—no barking or yelling at players
- Treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- Do your best to provide a safe playing environment for all players.
- Do your best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players.
- Teach the rules of the game to all players, officials, and parents.
- Remember that you are a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.
- Do not abuse other coaches, umpires, parents, or players.
- Do not engage in the use of 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 responsible for league policies.
- Return all equipment and player evaluations per league policies.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subjected to disciplinary action levied by the NMHLL Board of Directors or Disciplinary Committee that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Manager/coaches suspension for games
- Manager/coaches season suspension
- Manager/coach removal from all league activities

The NMHLL Board of Directors retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Player's responsibilities are simple; be respectful of others, be responsible, play fair, and always do your best, and always exhibit good sportsmanship.

As a NMHLL participant, I hereby pledge that I will:

- Conduct myself with honor and dignity and exhibit good sportsmanship.
- Encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents.
- Be a team player and support my teammates.
- Do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- Be generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
- Stay positive even when I make mistakes or my team is losing.
- Maintain a safe environment for myself and others
- No throwing equipment, arguing with others, or exhibiting poor sportsmanship
- Absolutely no bullying, violence, unfriendly language, or insults to others
- Obey the rules of the game and always work for the good of the team.
- Accept the decisions of the officials with respect and never challenge or question calls.
- Applaud the efforts of my teammates and opponents.
- Congratulate the other team after each game as a demonstration of sportsmanship.
- Be on time and attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coaches if I cannot.

I understand that it is a privilege to play Little League baseball and if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include but is not limited to the following:

Coaches will take the following actions when a player violates the Code of Conduct.

1. Have a private discussion with the player on the behavior found to be in violation and request the player to acknowledge the violation and apologize as appropriate. If the coach, and where appropriate, the offended person are satisfied the violation has been properly addressed no further action will be taken.
2. If the violation is more serious or persistent, or the player fails to accept responsibility for their actions, the consequence may include, but is not limited to:
 1. Running/walking laps before, during, or after practice or after games
 2. Limited participation in practice [time-out]
 3. Minimum mandatory playing time for up to 2 games
 4. Fewer options for playing a desired position during practices and games

For very serious issues or persistent issues that have not been resolved through the above discipline, the player and parent/guardian will meet with the Disciplinary Committee who will decide the appropriate discipline, which may include, but is not limited to:

1. Removal from practice for one or more practices
2. Suspension for 1 or more games
3. Ineligible for post season play on a district or tournament team
4. Removal of the player from the team
5. Player being expelled from the league

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PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the NMHLL Board of Directors, have implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message that it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting the youth of our community and their child in sports.

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are the foundations of sportsmanship and are demonstrated by the core principles of respect, responsibility, fairness, and good citizenship.

As a NMHLL Parent, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in NMHLL by adhering to the following code of conduct:

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support at all times.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will not confront coaches or managers at any time during games.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games.
- I will refrain from complaining/gossiping about players, coaches, umpires, or the league with players or parents.
- If I have concerns I will address them in a professional manner at an appropriate time in private with the manager or Board of Directors

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- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Parental suspension for games
- Parental season suspension
- Parental removal from all league activities

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