

# SPORT PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

On September 23, 2000, more than thirty heads of Massachusetts' chapters of national sports and medical associations, educational organizations, and professional associations met at Children's Hospital in Boston to participate in a consensus meeting to develop a sport parent code of conduct for the state. The meeting was convened by the Massachusetts Governor's Committee on Physical Fitness and Sports and the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation, Inc. The Madera National Little League has adopted this standard for parent conduct.

## Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

## I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of Madera National Little League.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) 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 or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex and/or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during the games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with the coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

**I also agree that 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:**

- \*Verbal warning by game official, manager, and/or board member of Madera National Little League.
- \*Written warning.
- \*Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by MNLL.
- \*Parental season suspension from attendance at any league activities.

## PLAYER CONTRACT

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### NO REFUNDS

- I/We, the parents/guardians of the candidate named in reverse side of this form for a position on a Little League team, hereby give my/our approval to participate in any and all Little League activities, including transportation to and from the activities.
- I/We know that participation in baseball may result in serious injury and protective equipment does not prevent all injuries to players, and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Madera National Little League, Little League Baseball, Incorporated, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to and from activities from any claim arising out of any injury to my/our minor child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause.
- I/We agree that my/our child (candidate) may be required to try out for a team. If such does not attend at least 50% of tryouts, Madera National Little League Board-of-Directors' approval is required for such candidate to be placed on a team.
- I/We understand that my/our child (candidate) may be chosen at anytime to play on a Major Division team, if he/she is of correct age for such division as determined by the Madera National Little League and Little League Baseball. Declining to move up to such Major Division team will result in forfeiture of eligibility for the Major Division for the current season, and may be subject to further restrictions by Madera National Little League.
- I hereby grant my child permission to create a personal profile and use all features of the league website found at <http://www.maderanational.com>. I understand that this information will never be disclosed to a third party, and will only be used to enrich the personal experience on the league website. I can find details on how to revoke this permission at <http://www.maderanational.com>.
- I/We understand that my information as the parent or guardian of such named minor is sent by the local league to Little League International each year. Such use of information by Little League International can be found here: [www.littleleague.org/international](http://www.littleleague.org/international). You may opt-out of communications from Little League International at any time.
- I/We agree to return upon request the uniform and other equipment issued to my/our child in as good condition as when received except for normal wear and tear.
- I/We will furnish a certified birth certificate of the candidate named on reverse side to Madera National Little League Officials.
- I/We agree to provide proof of legal residency (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and age. I/We understand that our child (candidate) must be eligible under the residence and age regulations of Little League Baseball, Incorporated, to participate in Madera National Little League, and that if any controversy arises regarding residence and/or age, the decision of the Charter Committee in Williamsport shall be final and binding. I/We further understand that if any participant on a Little League team does not qualify for participation in the league based on residence (as defined by Little League Baseball, Incorporated) and/or age, such participant and/or team on which he/she participates will be found ineligible, and forfeit(s) and/or is subject to Tournament privileges being decreed by action of the Charter Committee or Tournament Committee.
- I/We hereby consent, and give my/our permission to Little League Baseball, Incorporated (hereafter "LLB") and any third party which LLB determines in its sole discretion to be appropriate including, but not limited to, any and all sponsors and/or licensees of LLB, to use, exploit, adapt, modify, reproduce, distribute, publicly display and publicly perform, throughout the world in any and all forms whether now known or later developed, the image, name, voice, or likeness of the minor named on the reverse side in any and all commercial exploits or ventures, promotional materials or announcements, publications, media releases, or advertisements, electronic or otherwise ("Work(s)"), and waive any and all rights to the same. I acknowledge and agree that neither the minor nor I will receive any compensation whatsoever if such image, name, voice, or likeness appears in any Works.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_