



LEVITTOWN UNITED LITTLE LEAGUE

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. As such it is essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship and its six core principles.

◇ Trustworthiness ◇ Respect ◇ Responsibility ◇ Fairness ◇ Caring ◇ Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character". Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct:

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee; I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I understand that smoking of tobacco is prohibited on Levittown United Little League fields, dugouts, bleachers and Canteen areas. I understand that it is my responsibility to enforce this policy at all practices and games.
4. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. I understand that it is my responsibility to enforce this policy at all practices and games.
5. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not engage in the use of profanity or verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
7. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity or verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
8. I will not initiate a physical altercation with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
9. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a physical altercation with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
10. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
11. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
12. I will be knowledgeable of the rules of the sport and Levittown United Little League and I will teach these rules to my players.
13. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the children and not the adults.

I hereby agree to the following additional terms of being a coach for Levittown United Little League:

1. I understand that I **cannot** have any player listed on my friends list of Facebook or any other social network.
2. I understand that I **cannot** have any player's cell phone (personal phone) number in my contacts. I must contact all parents. There is never a reason to contact a player directly.
3. I understand that I **cannot** offer rides to players to/from practices/games when I am the only adult. There must be two adults with players at all times.
4. I understand that if I hold "private" practices there is a 3 child **and** 2 adult minimum at all times. I will never practice one on one with a player.

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I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending, coaching, officiating or participating in a youth sports event, unless otherwise specified in the penalties, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by Levittown United Little League.
2. Written warning issued by Levittown United Little League.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by Levittown United Little League official who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection.
4. Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by Levittown United Little League official who is authorized to issue such suspension.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by Levittown United Little League official.

I further understand that these rules and actions are effective whether participating at either of the Levittown United Little League Complexes or at another location as a representative of Levittown United Little League.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Key Issued:

Yes No

Coaches Initials: _____

League Representative: _____



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~ PENALTIES FOR MISCONDUCT ~

Rules:

- 1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee; I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- 2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

Examples (but not limited to): Arguing with an Umpire, throwing equipment, hats, clipboards, etc.

Penalty:

- 1st Offense: 1 Game Suspension¹
- 2nd Offense: 3 Game Suspension¹ (same as above) and not eligible for post season coaching
- 3rd Offense: Immediate removal from coaching²

Rule:

- 3. I understand that smoking of tobacco is prohibited on Levittown United Little League fields, dug outs, bleachers and Canteen areas. I understand that it is my responsibility to enforce this policy at all practices and games.

Penalty: Verbal Warning for all areas except field and dugout. Any smoking on the field or in the dugout will result in a 1 game suspension.¹

Rules:

- 4. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol. I understand that it is my responsibility to enforce this policy at all practices and games.
- 5. I will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Penalty: Police will be contacted immediately and immediate removal from coaching.²

Rules:

- 6. I will not engage in the use of profanity or verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- 7. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity or verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

Penalty:

- 1st Offense: 3 Game Suspension¹ and not eligible for post season coaching
- 2nd Offense: Immediate removal from coaching²

Rules:

- 8. I will not initiate a physical altercation with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- 9. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to initiate a physical altercation with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

Penalty: Police will be contacted immediately.

- 1st Offense: Immediate removal from coaching² for 1 calendar year. Probation will continue for 3 years following suspension.

Any rule not specifically noted will be determined based on Executive Board decision and will ensue with possible penalties listed in the Code of Conduct.

I understand the above information is not negotiable and acknowledge receipt of these rules.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

¹ Suspension will be carried out the next game you are a coach for; regardless of team. Coaches with multiple teams will sit next game period. Not just the next game for that team that was being coached during the violation. Coaches subject to district suspensions will sit the next game as a Levittown United Coach regardless of team AND the game that the district notes as the suspension period.

² Immediate removal from coaching is from ALL teams you are associated with that are part of Levittown United Little League.