



Jericho Little League Baseball Association
(Society No. S-57190, Bus. No. 85030-7711-BC-0001)
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Team Officials Code of Conduct

Coaching or managing a youth sports program such as Little League Baseball is a privilege. As a manager or coach, appointed by the Jericho Little League Baseball Association (JLL) Board of Directors, you play an important role in the development of the young children in our community. JLL's objective is to model and teach each child the positive values of trust, good sportsmanship, good citizenship, responsibility, respect, fair-play and teamwork – useful lifelong values. JLL's Board of Directors requires team officials to adhere to the following Code of Conduct. JLL's Code of Conduct is required reading for all team officials. All team officials must sign in the space provided at the end of this document, acknowledging that he or she understands and agrees to comply with Jericho Little League's Code of Conduct.

Sportsmanship

1. I will promote good sportsmanship, teach good baseball skills, in a fun atmosphere.
2. I realize, accept and will practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy and manner.
3. I understand that physical or verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator, including obscene or aggressive gestures, will not be tolerated and that the offender may be removed from the field at the discretion of an umpire or JLL board member. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league.
4. Coaches and managers will refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
5. All discussions will be held in conversational tones. Under no circumstances will a coach, fan, or player yell at an umpire, coach, fan, or player. The lone exception to this rule is when a coach or player shouts to another coach or teammate during the course of a play as part of that play.
6. I understand profanity is expressly forbidden at all times at Jericho's ballparks.
7. I understand alcoholic beverages and the use of recreational or illicit drugs are prohibited at all games, including events held outside of Jericho's home fields.
8. I understand the use of tobacco and vapour products on the fields and in the dugouts is prohibited.



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Rules and Policies

1. I will know and understand the rules and abide by them (whether local or national).
2. I will instruct my team members in the rules and coach my team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
3. I will adhere to all Little League safety guidelines from the LL handbook.
4. I will complete a criminal record check and share the results with JLL.
5. I will understand the local league participation rules for my division. All coaches must ensure that each player get minimum opportunities to bat and play the infield and outfield in each game. I also understand that specific rules are in place to limit the number and frequency of innings pitched by a particular player.
6. I will fully comply with the Player/Parents Code of Conduct.
7. I will review the JLL website on a regular basis to make sure that I am informed of all updated LL and JLL Rules and policies.

The Umpires and Other Resources

1. I recognize baseball is a game of interpretations, and as a result, disputes may occur. All disputes that are taken up with the umpire will be handled civilly. The managers/coaches will conduct themselves with decorum and once the umpire has made his/her final ruling, the managers/coaches will make no further field protest. Off-field protests may be taken up with the Umpire in Chief.
2. I understand most of the umpires are youth umpires in training. I recognize that all umpires will occasionally make mistakes, and as manager/coach I will respect the umpires.
3. I will care for equipment, keys, facilities, and fields, responsibly. I will ensure that all league-provided equipment is clean and accounted for when returned after the season. I will not share keys or provide access to league buildings with people that are not members of the league.



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The Parents and the League

1. I will be approachable and maintain an open line of communication with players and their parents. When approached by a parent to discuss any issue, I will interact and respond courteously.
2. I will understand and explain the philosophies, goals and objectives, and Codes of Conduct of the JLL (i.e. JLL is organized as a recreational league, meant for the enjoyment of all the players).
3. I will ensure that team fans conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites. I will assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games. I will enforce the rule that players and coaches are the only people allowed in the dugout.
4. I will support JLL (through participation and organization of parents) in volunteer and concession duties. I will support JLL (through participation and organization of parents) in volunteer and concession duties.
5. I acknowledge the authority of the Board of Directors of Jericho Little League Baseball Association and understand that as a manager or coach I serve solely at the pleasure of the Board, which may revoke my role at any time. My failure to honor the authority of the Board and its members or to show them proper respect will be deemed to be a violation of this Code of Conduct.

The Team

1. I will conduct practices with a planned agenda that focuses on specific skill development appropriate for the skill level of the players in an organized manner.
2. I acknowledge that players develop at different rates. I have a duty to support each players' skill development equally and provide infield and outfield positional play opportunities for all players (as set out in the Little League Handbook). Therefore, I will focus on providing instruction appropriate to players' abilities. Ensuring that all players have the opportunity to gain confidence, develop self-esteem, advance their skills towards their full potential, and establish a solid foundation for further baseball competition.
3. Through personal example, I will teach each player, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.



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4. I understand that Head Coaches are responsible for the team's actions on the field and represent the team when communicating with the umpires, opposing teams and league. If, as the Head Coach, I am unavailable on game day, I will designate a substitute. The substitute will then be responsible and held accountable for the Head Coach's duties.

Non-Game Duties of Head Coaches

1. It is my responsibility to ensure that my team has a Team Manager and Concession Manager in place before taking the field for our first practice.
2. I understand that I may be required, from time to time, to assist with delegating volunteer tasks whether they be related to the Concession or general operation of the league.

Duties of Team Managers

Each manager has considerable duties outside of coordinating practices and managing the games. Accordingly, if I am a Manager, I will adhere to the following as well:

1. I will maintain open communication with players and parents to inform them of practices, games and other responsibilities in a timely and efficient manner.
2. I will attend all required coaches' meetings, safety and umpiring clinics unless I am out of town or have a significant previously made commitment. If I cannot attend, I will ensure that a parent from the team attends on my behalf.
3. I will complete, obtain and submit to the League all required paperwork (e.g. player medical release forms, parent code of conduct form etc.).
4. I will make sure that I maintain a notebook containing the JLL Rules and a copy of the Little League rule book and make sure it is present at each team practice and game.
5. I understand that I am the point of contact between my team and other teams and JLL officials I understand that I, like the coaches, are responsible for my team. I will take my obligations seriously and communicate effectively and in a courteous manner.



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JLL has a "zero tolerance" policy for any aggressive or inappropriate physical contact with any player, coach, umpire, parent, fan or other person and any breach of this rule is grounds for immediate action, including removal from the position of Coach, Manager or Board Member.

I, the undersigned, agree to follow the Code of Conduct and comply with all League rules, policies and procedures. I understand the violation of the Code will not be tolerated and that violations may subject me to disciplinary action or hearing by JLL's board of directors. Disciplinary action could include a warning, game(s) suspension or season suspension, as well as impact my opportunity to manage or coach in future seasons.

I have read the Jericho Little League Baseball Association Code of Conduct and promise to adhere to its rules and regulations.

Print name of Team Official

Position (Coach, Asst. Coach, Manager)

Signature of Team Official

Date

Return the signed form to the Jericho LL Administrator (admin@jerichobaseball.com).