



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Beech Grove Little League has adopted the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read and understand this code prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game, practice or event will be subject to discipline by the Board of Directors as described in Beech Grove Little League's Operating Policies..

PREAMBLE

The elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of 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."

I THEREFORE AGREE:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy and support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.

- I (and my guests) will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators 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, so they will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or their performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, but will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- 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 sports events.
- 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.