

## **Parents Code of Conduct**

Capitol Little League (CLL) believes strongly in the values of teamwork, sportsmanship and leadership through example. The program's overall goal of player development both on and off the field relies heavily on our ability, as a group of families, to create and maintain a safe, fun and positive environment for our players.

CLL is taking this opportunity to both ask for your support in this effort <u>and</u> to remind you that proper conduct and sportsmanship is expected of all families at all times.

## Parent / Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement

As a parent / legal guardian of a child involved in CLL, I agree to abide by and follow the rules of the guidelines below.

- I will be a role model for my player and others around me.
- I will not tolerate poor behavior by others around me. I will notify the team manager or league officials of improper behavior by children or adults.
- I will bring my player to practice & games, on time and if my player is unable to attend I will notify the coach in advance.
- I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff. I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans. I will not undermine the coaches' authority by trying to be a coach instead of a parent.
- I will provide support for coaches and others working with the players to provide a positive experience for all. I understand that coaching is a difficult endeavor, and I will always give coaches the benefit of the doubt and treat them with respect.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any desire to win.
- I will encourage my player to play according to the rules.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game. I understand that making mistakes is a key part of learning.
- I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents. I will not be critical of, or embarrass any player, including opposing players.
- I will not question an umpire's or coach's judgment or honesty in public.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players. I will never yell, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, umpire or spectator.
- I will refrain from the use of abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs at any. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from games or practices.
- I will not use or possess alcohol at any CLL complex or at any CLL event. Anyone suspected of using alcohol at a CLL event or on the premises will be asked to exit the grounds immediately.
- I will smoke only in designated areas, away from players and the playing field. I will inform my guests of the leagues of expectations of behavior. Since they are my guests, I am responsible for their behavior.

I understand that by signing this document I am agreeing to support and promote this Parent / Legal Guardian Code of Conduct Agreement. Further, my failure to comply with this agreement or continued violations of this Code of Conduct will result in board discipline which can include my son/daughter and I being dismissed from my team and the league for the season.

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