

NLLL Expectations of Managers/Coaches, Players, and Parents

Parents and Players should expect that **Managers and Coaches will:**

- create a positive team environment.
- be on time for all practices and games.
- do their best to teach the fundamentals of the game.
- respect each child as an individual and set reasonable expectations for each child.
- serve as positive role models.
- show respect for players, parents, coaches, umpires and members of other teams. This includes never yelling at others and always handling discussions in a respectful and individual manner.
- encourage players and parents to do the same.
- make player safety a priority.
- be as fair as possible in giving playing time to all players.
- be open to ideas, suggestions or help.

Managers and Coaches should expect that **Players will:**

- be on time for all practices and games.
- always do their best whether in the field or on the bench.
- be cooperative.
- not leave practice or the dugout without alerting the manager.
- show respect for teammates, opponents, coaches and umpires.
- try not to become upset at their own mistakes or those of others ... we will all make our share and we must support one another.
- learn to handle both winning and losing appropriately – both are part of every sport.
- care for the equipment and our fields and dugouts, including helping to clean up equipment and trash from dugout and/or practice field after games/practices.

Managers and Coaches should expect that **Parents and Families will:**

- be appreciative of the time and energy these volunteers put into helping your children.
- bring players and pick them up on time: arriving late disrupts practice; picking up late makes our volunteer coaches wait for you.
- come out and enjoy the game, and cheer to make all players feel important.
- allow Managers and Coaches to coach and run the team.
- show respect for other, including players, coaches, umpires and members of other teams. NEVER holler at the coaches, players or umpires.
- remember that all players will make mistakes and so will the coaches and managers. If you wish to question a manager's strategies or leadership, please do not do so during the game or in front of the players or fans. Managers' phone numbers and emails are available for you to reach them if you have a concern. Board officers' contact information is on the website if there's a more serious concern.

Everyone:

Don't expect the majority of children playing Little League baseball to have strong skills. We hear all our lives that we learn from our mistakes. Let's allow them to make their mistakes, but always be there with positive support to lift their spirits!