

POLICY STATEMENT AND MISSION

Stamford National Little League (SNLL) is a non-profit organization run by volunteers whose mission is to promote an opportunity for children to learn and play baseball in a safe and friendly environment. SNLL must meet the challenge of developing skilled players and productive citizens through exemplary leadership. The following policies and values serve the best interests of the youth involved in the program. They will provide direction for all participants including managers, coaches, parents, players and the executive:

1. SNLL should offer a quality program at an affordable price while ensuring that all players are playing safe and having fun.
2. Little League is a recreational sport to be enjoyed by all players registered in the program.
3. Each child who wishes to play baseball should be entitled to do so regardless of skill, gender, or financial circumstances, on quality diamonds with approved equipment and under suitable conditions.
4. Through involvement in SNLL, the player will have the opportunity to develop the fundamental skills of the game of baseball, learn sportsmanship, socialize with their peers, develop leadership qualities and actively participate as a valuable team member.
5. Team achievement, in contrast to individual achievement, must ensure that personal identity and integrity are not sacrificed for winning.
6. Praise and recognition are the most effective tools in inspiring an attitude of self-confidence which is paramount in developing the competitive will to win.
7. The league personnel, community and players share the responsibility of making SNLL baseball a safe, wholesome activity.
8. All players should leave the field feeling that their presence mattered. even if time was spent on the bench.