



MENLO ATHERTON LITTLE LEAGUE FAMILY PLEDGE

Parents please read/review with your player(s), initial each pledge and have both parent and player(s) sign to acknowledge their agreement:

- We pledge to use positive encouragement, exercise good sportsmanship and promise to keep sports in the proper perspective. Learning the game, improving skills and learning life lessons are as important as winning. We understand that less than 1% of youth sports participants receive college scholarships and the top three reasons kids play sports are a) to have fun; b) to make new friends; and c) to learn new (life) skills.

Initial (Parent/Player): ____/____

- We understand that mistakes are inevitable and are great learning tools. We understand that in tough situations, especially at this age level, it is more important how a mistake is handled by the player, coach and parent rather than the actual outcome arising from the mistake itself.

Initial (Parent/Player): ____/____

- We understand that teammates and opponents have all level of abilities. We commit to respect their strengths and accept their weaknesses. We will endeavor to support our teammates at all times, especially when mistakes are made.

Initial (Parent/Player): ____/____

- We pledge to let the Coaches coach, the Umps ump and the Players play. Our Coaches and Umps are human, not seasoned pros and are not well paid. We understand that “bad calls” by umpires are inevitable; and while some calls will undoubtedly be detrimental, some will also be beneficial. We also acknowledge that once practice or a game starts a player is under the care and supervision of their Coaches and the Umps. During these times we (parents) pledge to keep negative or well intended instructional comments to ourselves, as it is not our place to tell a coach how to coach, challenge an umpire’s call or tell a player what to do unless specifically asked by a Coach or Umpire or there is an emergency.

Initial (Parent/Player): ____/____

- We promise to refrain from making negative comments, in public about coaches, umpires and players in the League. We understand that these types of comments can negatively affect individuals and their families, adversely influence team situations, impact relationships and undermine the League’s culture.

Initial (Parent/Player): ____/____

- We pledge to arrive at practices and games on time. We understand that the coach’s time and the proper warm-up/team-time are both valuable and important components of team sports. Arriving on time shows respect for coaches and teammates alike.

Initial (Parent/Player): ____/____

We have read and will abide by the MA–LL Family Pledge, and we will strive to honor the game of baseball throughout the season.

Child’s Parent/Guardian (Print name)

Player (Print Name)

Child’s Parent/Guardian (Signature)

Date

Player (Signature)

Date