

ANDERSON TOWNSHIP LITTLE LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT

ATLL prides itself on providing the players with a clean wholesome environment in which to play ball games and practice. This is a reminder to all League personnel, managers, coaches, and parents to report any suspicious behavior or report any unidentifiable strangers hanging around the ball parks or practice fields to the Hamilton County/Anderson Township/Village of Newtown Police Departments and/or the Anderson Park District Rangers and any ATLL Board member.

1. MANAGER'S/COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

- Remember, players are involved in baseball for fun and enjoyment; winning is secondary.
- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly;
- Learn to be a more effective communicator.
- Adjust to personal needs and problems of players, be a good listener, never verbally or physically abuse a player or umpire; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics.
- Be responsible for the actions of your staff and spectators. Do not allow spectators to position themselves directly behind the backstop nor shall staff or spectators interfere with, or attempt to influence the calling of balls and strikes.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of baseball; encourage all your players to be team players.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents. Explain the goals, objectives of and mission of ATLL.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- To play the game is great; to love the game is greater!

2. PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun!
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, managers, coaches or umpires. By showing a positive attitude towards the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in lower age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game, and support the League officials and umpires on and off the field. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the League officials or umpires only hurts the game.
- During a game, do not position yourself directly behind the backstop nor interfere with, or attempt to influence the calling of balls and strikes.
- Applaud a good effort in victory and in defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Work towards removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game and volunteer!

3. PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- Play for FUN.
- Work hard to improve your skills, especially at home.
- Be a team player - get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect your manager, coach, teammates, umpires, parents, opponents and League officials.
- Never argue with an umpire's decision!

Manager's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Player's Signature _____

Date _____