

Coaches/Managers Official Code of Conduct

Woburn Little League will not tolerate any unsportsmanlike conduct within any aspect of our program. Board members, coaches and parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves as positive role models within the community.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players, as well as the parents and other spectators who attend the game. A coach (includes assistants), player or spectator can be removed from the playing field or spectator area by order of an umpire, or any other board member for violating any of the following rules of conduct. Non-adherence of any of the following will be subject to disciplinary action:

Section 1

Violation:

- a) Any direction of remarks or actions to a coach, player, spectator or umpire that are of a distracting nature.
- b) Refusal or failure to meet league obligations or league rules.
- c) Arguing with an umpire or league official over a call on the playing field.
- d) Throwing equipment or the damaging of any property.
- e) Refusal to follow any league or game rules or removal of a team from the field of play before regulation play is done, unless it is done so for player safety.
- f) After each game, in the spirit of good sportsmanship, all coaches and players shall form two opposing lines and proceed through a traditional, orderly "handshake line". No coach or player shall avoid participation in this line or exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct in the line.

Penalty:

First violation: Written Warning

Second Violation: 3 Game suspension from coaching or attending practices and games

Third violation: Indefinite suspension from coaching or attending practices and games (pending board review)

Section 2

Violation:

- a) Verbal threats, use of profanity or actual physical harm towards players, umpires, league officials, coaches or spectators.
- b) Any use of or under the influence of any alcohol or illegal drugs at any time during or at any practice or game or at any Woburn Little League field.

Penalty:

First violation: Indefinite suspension from coaching or attending practices and games (pending board review)

DO's and DON'TS

Don't	Do's
Don't yell across the field at an umpire or opposing manager	Do call time; meet the other individual away from young ears and calmly discuss your issues.
Don't run across the field to confront anyone.	Do ask for time or wait for the end of an inning to discuss problems.
Don't emotionally or physically intimidate anyone.	Do remember that we are all trying our best and be tolerant of other's mistakes.
Don't let your emotions get carried away. Remember that your players and parents will follow your example. Your players notice your gestures, no matter how subtle.	Do let your players know that everyone, including umpires and coaches, make mistakes and that it is a part of the game they must learn to live with.
Don't get angry at a bad call in a little league baseball/softball game, it is not the end of the world.	Do remember that you could be back at work instead of enjoying a sunny day.
Don't take advantage of another manager's in-experience, that is not sportsmanship and it causes hard feelings.	Do help teach a new manager how to be a better coach; after all we are all on the same team. It is only through experience that we learn all the rules.
Don't assume that your Division Commissioner has all the help he or she needs.	Do volunteer if you see something that needs doing, every time someone does a little, it is that much less the Divisional Commissioner is stuck with.
Don't miss the League meetings. It is the only way we have to pass information to you.	Do volunteer for work on committees, it is a great way to learn how the league works.

My signature indicates that I have read, understood and will abide by the WLL code of conduct.

Name (print) _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Division: _____ Team: _____