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**APPENDIX C\_ SWLL MANAGER/COACH CONTRACT**

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**CONDUCT CONTRACT FOR BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL MANAGERS AND COACHES**

South Windsor Little League continually places a special emphasis on sportsmanship. As part of this effort, we ask that all managers, coaches, players, parents and umpires sign a contract regarding their conduct during the season. Please carefully read and sign the following:

As a manager or coach in South Windsor Little League, I understand the position of trust and responsibility that I have accepted. I understand that my actions must be above reproach. I agree to the following:

1. I will behave as a positive role model for all Little League players.
2. I will encourage my players at every opportunity and refrain from using negative coaching tactics.
3. **I will not argue with or attempt to influence umpires. When discussing a rule interpretation with an umpire, I will do so in a mature and respectful manner within the rules established by the league.**
4. I will encourage players to develop good sportsmanship, teamwork and self- discipline whether the team wins or loses.
5. I will know and play by the rules of South Windsor Little League Baseball and Softball.
6. I will read and support the player's conduct contract.
7. I will instill in all players a desire to improve as baseball players and persons and I will impart as much baseball knowledge as possible to all players, regardless of their team.
8. I will provide an opportunity for all players to participate.
9. I will communicate with the parents of my players to help them understand the philosophy of South Windsor Little League and to gain their cooperation in dealing with any behavioral problems that arise.

I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior on my part can lead to my suspension from and possible forfeiture of, a game. I understand that by violating the rules of conduct, I may also be suspended from my managerial duties. I understand that in these circumstances, I will be required to appear before a South Windsor Little League board committee to explain my actions and that the committee will take whatever action it feels is justified.

I agree to communicate these rules consistently to my fellow managers and coaches in an ongoing effort to support this code of conduct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager or Coach

**Little League Baseball does not limit participation in its activities on the basis of disability, race, color, creed, national origin, gender or religious preference.**