

SALL PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT

Stamford American Little League has implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports.

All parents must read, understand, and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice or Stamford American little league event will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. A repeat violation will cause another immediate suspension and three additional games as well. A third violation will result in the forfeiture of the privilege of attending any game or any other Stamford American little league event for the remainder of the calendar year.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character" and all parents, managers, players, and league officials promote these core values.

I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth and not adults.
2. I will do my best to learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or other sporting event.
4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
5. I will not encourage or engage in any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes, such as smoking or drinking of alcoholic beverages during practice, games, or any Stamford American little league event.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
8. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
9. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
12. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
13. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place not in the presence of any player.
14. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all Stamford American little league events.
15. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Print Name: _____