

Berlin Little League Code of Conduct

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The Berlin Little League (herein BLL) has been formed to instill the youth of Berlin with the principles of: good citizenship, good sportsmanship and teamwork through the knowledge of and participation in the games of baseball and softball. Our players, parents, opponents, coaches and officials are to be treated with respect at all times. There shall be a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for misconduct or violent/dangerous actions by players, parents, coaches, referees or any other Little League member.

Player Code of Conduct:

This Code of Conduct is to help players be responsible and develop good sportsmanship habits. When registering to play for BLL, the player agrees to this Code of Conduct, and will abide by it and acknowledge that participating in the BLL Youth program is a privilege and not a right. Every player is expected to:

1. Learn and adhere to the rules of the game and abide by them at all times.
2. Show respect and courtesy to coaches by following their instructions and directions.
3. Respect coaches and officials and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during and after the game.
4. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and display sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game.
5. Maintain control of emotions, avoiding the use of abusive or profane language, taunting or humiliating remarks, and/or gestures and physical assault upon any another player at any time.
6. Throwing equipment (gloves, bat, etc.) at another player, coach or parent is considered a physical assault and will not be tolerated.
7. Treat players, parents, opponents, coaches, and officials with respect.
8. Wear the proper uniform and equipment to all games and practices as directed by the coach.

The BLL will handle breach of this code of conduct in the following way:

1. **First offense** – The coach will bench the player for the remainder of the game or will be asked to sit out the remainder of a practice.
2. **Second Offense** – The player will be benched for the remainder of the game, if the game is still being played, and is suspended for the following game. If the offense occurs during a practice, then the player will sit the remainder of practice and is suspended for the following game.
3. **Third Offense** – The player will be asked to leave the league for the remainder of the season.

By signing this Code of Conduct, you and your player are agreeing to abide by the rules and subject to penalties described above.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____