



Parent's Code of Conduct

Baseball and softball embody the discipline of teamwork, involving players, coaches, parents, umpires, and administrators. We all seek the best for our children, and we as adults must all work together in creating a healthy and happy environment in which they can flourish – not just as players, but also as future adults and citizens. We adults must be expected to model the behaviors that we wish to instill in our children.

We realize that the vast majority of parents consistently exhibit excellent behavior and sportsmanship. Our intent with this document is to set that level of excellence as a standard for all participants in the league.

Thank you,
The MALL Board of Directors

As a parent in Mesa American Little League, I agree to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will refrain from harassing umpires at all times.

While many feel this to be "part of the game," it has no place in Little League Baseball. Many umpires are volunteers who have selflessly committed their time and energy. Many are young men and women who are at the early stages of learning their craft. We are supportive of players when they make mistakes, and umpires deserve the same consideration. You will never, ever agree with every call they make, but you must respect the umpire's obligation and authority to make those tough calls without fear of retribution.

2. I will respect the coaches, players, and spectators of the opposing team before, during, and after the game, win or lose.

Our role as adults is to teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat. If a player on the opposing team makes a great play, applaud!

3. I will help ensure a litter-free environment.

When trash is carelessly left around dugouts, bleachers, and spectator areas, it degrades the enjoyment of baseball for everyone. League volunteers are not trash collectors. Everyone in the MALL club needs to take pride in the sport we play and the facilities at which we play it. If you see some trash that someone else has left, please consider picking it up. You'll make everyone's day a little brighter, and you'll feel better for having helped out.

4. I will help ensure a tobacco-free environment.

Little League rules PROHIBIT smoking at all functions. School property also falls under a state law with hefty fines for violators. This includes parking lots and anywhere within 300 feet of school property.

I, _____, agree to follow the policies and rules outlined above. I understand
(Please Print Name)

that persistent and/or egregious violation(s) of this policy can result in penalties, which can include temporary or, in extreme cases, permanent loss of participation privileges.

Parent's Signature

Date