



Coach's Code of Conduct

Baseball and softball embody the discipline of teamwork. They challenge players towards perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy. The very nature of baseball and softball also teach that while every player eventually strikes out, or is on the losing team, there is always another chance for success in the next at-bat or game. With this in mind MALL expects each manager and coach to adhere to the following:

1. Know the rules and abide by them. Instruct team members in the rules and coach/manage the team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at ALL TIMES.
2. Recognize that the umpire-in-chief is the sole judge on the field of play. The questioning of his/her decisions by managers, coaches, players, or spectators in a disrespectful or abusive manner will NOT be tolerated.
3. Ensure that fans of the team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites; assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games. Players, managers and coaches of participating teams shall not address, mingle with spectators, nor sit in the stands during a game in which they are engaged.
4. Respect the coaches, players, and spectators of the opposing team before, during, and after the game, win or lose.
5. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
6. Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
7. Be responsible in caring for equipment, for keys delegated for his/her use, for care of fields prior to games and for cleaning up fields, dugouts and stands after games.
8. Realize, accept and practice the principal that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manner.
9. Managers are appointed by the league to be responsible for the team's actions on the field and to represent the team in communications with the umpire and opposing team. If a manager leaves the field he shall designate a coach as a substitute who then will assume all the responsibilities of the manager.
10. Adhere to all Little League safety guidelines from the handbook, including providing a first aide kit at all games and practices and participating in CPR and First Aide training.
11. Adhere to a tobacco-free environment at games and practices, including ALL TOBACCO for managers, coaches, parents and fans. School property falls under a state law and a hefty fine is attached if individuals are found in violation of this law, including parking lots and anywhere within 300 feet of school property.
12. Support the League in all fundraising efforts and concessionaire assignments along with other duties assigned by the MALL Board of Directors.

I, _____, agree to follow the policies and rules outlined above, the Official
(Please Print Name)
Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League, and all rules and policies in the Mesa American Little League
Local Rules, By-laws, and Constitution.

Coach/Manager

Date

Division Director

MALL President