



## **Sierra Foothills Little League Coaches Code of Conduct**

As Sierra Foothills Little League managers and coaches, we understand we are representing our district, leagues, players, and ourselves. We are expected to maintain the highest standards throughout the season. Sierra Foothills Little League expects each manager and coach to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

### **Sportsmanship**

1. I will promote good sportsmanship, teach good baseball skills, and have fun in the process.
2. I realize, accept, and will practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manner.
3. I understand verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator, including obscene gestures, will not be tolerated and that the offender may be removed from the SFL fields at the discretion of an umpire or SFL board member.
4. I understand coaches will refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
5. I understand all discussions will be held in conversational tones. Under no circumstances will a coach, fan, or player yell at an umpire, coach, fan, or player.
6. I understand profanity is forbidden at any Sierra Foothills Little League Fields.
7. I understand alcoholic beverages and the use of illicit drugs are prohibited at all SFL games, including all SFL events held at our fields.
8. I understand the use of tobacco products on the SFL fields and in the dugouts is prohibited.

### **Rules and Policies**

1. I will know and understand the rules and abide by them (whether local or national). I will instruct my team members in the rules and coach my team in such a way as to motivate each player to always compete according to the rules.
2. I will adhere to all Little League safety guidelines from the LL handbook and the SFL Safety Manual.

## **The Umpires and Other Resources**

1. I recognize baseball is a game of interpretations, and as a result, disputes will occur from time to time. However, it is important that players learn respect. All disputes that are taken up with the umpire will be handled in a civil manner. I understand only managers may initiate such discussions with an umpire. The managers/coaches will conduct themselves with decorum and once the umpire has made his/her final ruling, the managers will make no further field protest.
2. I understand most of the umpires are "in training" as well as the players. I recognize that all umpires will make mistakes occasionally, and as manager/coach, I will give the umpires the respect their position within the game deserves. I will treat "kid" umpires with the same respect that I treat adult umpires and the league will not tolerate abuse of the "kid" umpires.
3. I will be responsible in caring for equipment, for care of fields prior to games and for cleaning up fields, dugouts and stands after games in accordance with team responsibilities that SFLL has established. I will make sure that all league-provided equipment is clean and accounted for when returned after the season.

## **The Parents and the League**

1. I will maintain an open line of communication with players and their parents. I will be approachable. When approached by a parent to discuss any issue, I will interact and respond in a courteous manner.
2. I will ensure that fans of the team will always conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity while in attendance at game sites and will assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.

**I, the undersigned, agree to follow the Code of Conduct and comply with all League rules, policies, and procedures. I understand the violation of the Code will not be tolerated and that violations will subject me to disciplinary by the board of SFLL, and could include a warning, game(s) suspension or season suspension, as well as impact my opportunity to manage or coach in future seasons. I further acknowledge the authority of the Board of Directors of Sierra Foothills Little League and understand that if permitted to manage or coach I serve solely at the pleasure of the Board, which permission may be revoked at any time. My failure to honor the authority of the Board and its members or to show them proper respect will be deemed to be a violation of this Code of Conduct. I understand that if I am suspended, I will not be permitted to attend any league functions (practices, games, etc.).**

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Name (printed)  
Date

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