

CPPLL Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaching a youth sport program such as Little League Baseball is a privilege that is not to be taken for granted. As a Manager or coach, appointed by the Corning-Painted Post Little League (CPPLL) Board of Directors, you have an important role in the development of the young children in our community. We strive to teach each child the positive values of trust, good sportsmanship, good citizenship, responsibility, respect, fair play and teamwork – values they can use throughout their lives. Baseball embodies the discipline of teamwork. We challenge players towards perfection of physical skills and bring into play the excitement of tactics and strategy. The very nature of baseball teaches that while every player eventually strikes out or is on a losing team, there is always another chance for success in the next at-bat or game. With this in mind, the CPPLL expects each manager and coach to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:



Sportsmanship

- I will promote good sportsmanship, teach good baseball skills, and have fun in the process.
- I understand that physical or 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 fields at the discretion of an umpire or CPPLL board member.
- I understand coaches will refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
- 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.
- I understand profanity is expressly forbidden at all times at the CPPLL complex.
- I understand tobacco and vapor products, alcoholic beverages and the use of illicit drugs are prohibited at all games, including all areas of the CPPLL complex.

Rules and Policies

- 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 compete according to the rules at all times.
- I will adhere to all Little League International safety guidelines from the LL green book.
- I will understand the local league participation rules for my division. All coaches must ensure that each player get minimum opportunities to bat and play the field in each game. I also understand that specific rules are in place to limit the number and frequency of innings pitched by a particular player.
- I will fully comply with the Player/Parents Code of Conduct.

The Umpires and Other Resources

- 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. Off-field protests may be lodged with the Board of Directors.
- I will be responsible in caring for equipment, for keys delegated for my use, for care of fields prior to games and for cleaning up/raking the fields, picking up garbage inside/outside of dugouts, around bleachers, and around the CPPLL complex after games.

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The Parents and the League

- 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.
- I will ensure that fans of the team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites and will assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games. I will make sure that coaches and players are the only persons allowed in the dugout during a game. Players should always have a responsible adult in the dugout at all times.
- I will support (through participation and organization of parents) CPPLL in concession duty.

The Team

- I will conduct practices in an organized manner, with a planned agenda that focuses on specific skill development appropriate for the skill level of the players.
- I will focus on providing instruction commensurate with players abilities so all players have the opportunity to advance their skills towards their full potential, gain confidence and develop self-esteem, as well as establish a solid foundation for further baseball/softball competition.
- I will teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- I understand that 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 umpires, opposing teams and league. If a manager leaves the field, he shall designate a coach as a substitute who will then be responsible and held accountable for the manager's duties.

Non-Game Duties of Managers

Each manager has considerable duties outside of coordinating practices and managing the games. Accordingly, if I am a Manager, I will adhere to the following as well:

- I will maintain open communication with players and parents to inform them of practices, games and other responsibilities in a timely and efficient manner.
- I will attend all required coaches meetings, safety and umpiring clinics unless I am out of town or have a significant previously made commitment. If I cannot attend, I will ensure that one of my assistant coaches attends on my behalf.
- I will make sure that I maintain a notebook containing the Local CPPLL Rules and a copy of the national Little League rule book and make sure it is present at each team practice and game.
- I understand that I am the point of contact between my team and other teams and CPPLL officials. I understand that I am the person that is responsible for my team.

I understand that there is “zero tolerance” for any aggressive physical or written (including social media) contact with any player, coach, umpire, parent, fan or other person, and any breach of this rule is grounds for immediate action, including removal from my position as Coach, Manager or CPPLL Board Member.

I have read and understand the Corning-Painted Post Little league Code of Conduct and I will perform my Coaching/Team Manager/Board Member duties following the CPPLL Guidelines.

Coach Signature _____ Date _____