



Brazos Little League - Parent/Spectator/Coach Code of Conduct

Brazos Little League (“BLL”) believes that: participation in any sports program plays an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of our youth. It is essential for BLL to provide a positive and enjoyable learning experience for our children; teaching sportsmanship, fair play, integrity, honor, respect, loyalty, personal courage, and dedication through the game of baseball.

Furthermore, parents, coaches, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of such statements and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. Listed below are behaviors that we expected by our parents and spectators:

Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

- Encourage all players and praise great plays from both teams.
- Keep all comments positive and support the efforts of the coaches, officials, and the league.
- Only players and coaches who have submitted a volunteer application to BLL are allowed on the field. No exceptions.
- Leave the coaching to the coaches.
- Criticizing the officials, coaches, opponents, or fans will not be tolerated.
- Only coaches and players shall speak to the officials.
- Understand that all officials do their utmost to be impartial; they try their best to provide a safe and suitable environment so that the game is well played.
- Profanity, drug, alcohol, or tobacco use during any BLL event is prohibited and offenders will be immediately removed from the field.
- Children who are spectators and are not participating at that time are the responsibility of the parent or guardian. The child needs to be supervised at all times and remain within close proximity of their parent or guardian. Parents must supervise and prevent behaviors which interfere with game play or damage the property of BLL.
- Ejection of a parent or spectator from a game for inappropriate behavior by an official or a board member will have an automatic one week suspension for the BLL fields. The suspension may be extended at the discretion of the BLL Board of Directors. The player will not be affected by the parent’s suspension.
- A second ejection of the same parent or spectator from the field will result in a suspension for the remainder of the season, or longer, pending review of the BLL Board of Directors.
- Any parent or spectator that threatens an official or coach will be suspended for the season immediately. The parent may be allowed to return the following season but will be placed on probation for that season, pending review of the BLL Board of Directors.
- If an issue arises during the game, please locate the BLL board member on duty to discuss your concerns or you can speak with the coach following the game or practice. Arguments or discussions should be address with the coach following the completion of the game.
- Brazos Little League expects our coaches and parents to create a fun, positive, and secure environment for the players and cheerleaders.

Coach Code of Conduct

- As a Coach, I recognize that coaches are role models for their team members and all participants involved in the activity, and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth and sportsmanship.
- I consider the privilege of guiding youth through participation in sports as a sacred trust.
- I will lead by example to encourage good sportsmanship and demonstrate positive support for all participants, coaches, officials, BLL Board Members, and staff at any and all league events.
- I will not criticize or berate participants, and will provide constructive criticism in private or in the presence of team/squad members only if others might benefit.
- I will make every effort to improve my knowledge of the rules of the game, coaching techniques, and the league's rules & guidelines so that I can teach the sport properly to my players.
- I will strive to make every practice and game serve as a training ground for life lessons and a basis for good mental and physical health.
- I will insure that my players are supervised by myself or another designated adult and never allow my players to be left unattended or unsupervised at a game or practice.
- I will emphasize that winning is the result of teamwork and that striving to win is more important than winning itself.
- I will accept decisions of the game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best of their ability. I will teach my team how to react appropriately to "bad" calls made against them.
- My conduct and that of my assistant coaches, players, spectators and supporters will be consistent with good sportsmanship - before, during and after every game and practice.
- I will direct all my comments and criticisms of parents, participants, officials, and board members away from the children participating in the league, and I will conduct myself in a calm, civilized manner at all times.
- I will insure that all participants meet the minimum play requirements, as spelled out by Little League International.
- I will strive to teach each participant's to be humble in victory and gracious in defeat, to be above bragging, and will help them develop inner strength and poise.
- I will not use abusive or profane language at any time.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will make myself available to parents at times that are mutually convenient.
- I will communicate all appropriate information about the team to my parents in a timely fashion, including my coaching philosophy, game rules, practice times and locations, game times and locations, rainout information, and any other relevant information.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire or external pressure to win.
- I will abide by all safety considerations, including equipment, facilities, and weather conditions.
- I will ensure that all equipment used by my players is safe and conforms to the rules of the game and the league.
- I will remove from a game or practice any participant when his/her health is in question, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
- I acknowledge the primary importance for each participant's responsibilities to his/her family, education and religion that come before his/her team.

- I will accept mistakes as an important part of learning.
- I will emphasize that athletes strive to be good students
- I will strive to instill in every team member great purposes and aims in living and will use the desire to play not as an end, but as a training ground for the participant's highest development.
- I will refrain from using social media (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) as a venue for airing grievances or as a place to criticize coaches, other parents, or youth participants. I will follow the communications chain of command when I have issues I feel need to be addressed.

I have read and understand the Coaches Pledge, Coaches Code and the Coaches Standard of Conduct. I accept and agree to uphold the highest standards and morals as a Coach and agree to be an ambassador for Brazos Little League on and off the field. I accept all legal and financial consequences for my actions in the event that I violate any part of the Coaches Pledge, Coaches Code and Coaches Standards of Conduct.