



## Woodcreek Little League Manager & Coach Code of Conduct

We, Woodcreek Little League, have implemented the following Sport Manager & Coaches Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of managers and coaches in supporting their players in sports. Managers and coaches should read, understand and sign this form prior to participating in our league.

Any managers and coaches found guilty of improper conduct will be suspended from participating at the next game *and any practices before the next game*. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

### Preamble

The essential elements of character--building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.” I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will adapt to any physical disability or ailment of players that may affect the safety of that player or the safety of others.
3. I will learn and follow the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. I will be a positive role model for my players and encourage good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy at all times, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
5. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athlete.
7. I will teach players to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence or bullying.
8. I will demand that my players treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will teach my players that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that my players will not feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
10. I will praise my player for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my players feel like winners every time.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my player or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. I will emphasize skill development and improvement, and how this benefits my players over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my players to win.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will question and discuss a question with them in a respectful manner, only when appropriate.
15. I will demand a sports environment for my players that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

MANAGER/COACH SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_