



## RESTON HERNDON LITTLE LEAGUE COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Thank you for volunteering your time and baseball knowledge to the children of **Reston Herndon Little League**. Please download the Little League Rule Book app on your smartphone as well as pertinent local rules from our website. These rules are of paramount importance to the safety and development of our players and the success of our league. Additionally, it is the league's goal to enhance every player's chance for success in future endeavors as a result of their Little League experiences. This Code of Conduct has been adopted to promote fairness, teamwork, good citizenship, sportsmanship, responsibility and respect among the members of Reston Herndon Little League. By accepting a coaching position, you agree to the following:

- ✓ I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win, teaching and emphasizing the positive aspects of losing as well as winning.
  - ✓ I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the broad diversity of emotional and physical development within the same age group.
  - ✓ I will teach my players to treat other players, coaches, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
  - ✓ I will do my very best to provide a safe and healthy environment and playing situation for my players and I will take positive action to correct unsafe circumstances.
  - ✓ I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free environment for my players, and I agree to lead by example by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.
  - ✓ I will strive to make the game of baseball fun for my players through active participation and development of a sound understanding of the fundamentals of the sport.
  - ✓ I will attend league mandated coaching and safety clinics.
  - ✓ I will thoroughly learn - and will take responsibility for my coaches learning - the Local Rules and Points of Emphasis.
  - ✓ I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of baseball, and I will teach these rules to my players. I will remember I am a youth sports coach and that youth sports activities are for the children and not the adults.
  - ✓ Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be exhibited by me, nor will I tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior from my coaches, players, and their parents. Verbal abuse of an official, coach, player or spectator, including obscene gestures will not be tolerated, and the offender may be removed from the RLL fields at the discretion of an umpire or RHLL Board member.
  - ✓ No matter the circumstance, I will be respectful to all umpires and respect their decisions even if I disagree. I understand that only the manager or acting manager may approach an umpire to discuss a decision. The manager will conduct him/her self with decorum, and once the umpire has made his/her final ruling, the manager will make no further on-field protest. Off-field protests may be lodged with the Board of Directors per league policy.
  - ✓ Coaches will refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
  - ✓ I will remember the reaction of the fans and the players will be in-step with my reaction, and therefore I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
  - ✓ All discussions will be held in conversational tones. The lone exception to this is when a coach or player shouts to another coach or teammate during a play or as part of that play.
  - ✓ When a player ceases participation with my team for any reason, I understand that I have 48 hours to advise the Player Agent. Failure by the manager to advise the Player Agent of a player's continued absence will result in disciplinary action.
  - ✓ In cases where a player is injured seriously enough to cause the player to leave a game, or to miss a game due to injury, Managers are required to notify their league's Commissioner within 48 hours.
  - ✓ I will make sure that all players get at least one inning and very preferably two innings in the infield every game.
- Minor Divisions (AAA, AA)**
- ✓ Although there is a time limit for each game, I will manage the game as if there is no time limit and will not attempt to "run out the clock."
  - ✓ I will return in good condition all league-issued equipment or apparel that must be returned at the season's end. If equipment or apparel is not returned, I understand that I may be held financially responsible for replacing those league items and my ability to manage or coach future Reston Little League teams may be affected.
- I understand that a violation of this Code may result in the suspension or termination of my coaching authority in Reston Herndon Little League.

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Coaches Name

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Coaches Signature