# LFSHB LITTLE LEAGUE - PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent, you play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of youngsters.

Through your encouragement and good example, you can help all the boys and girls learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. In LFSHB Little League, young people learn to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat - all while becoming physically fit and healthy. Best of all, they have fun.

### **Support Your Child**

Supporting your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in their team is very important. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory - that way your child will always be a winner despite the outcome of the game!

### **Always Be Positive**

Parents serve as role models for their children. Be aware of this fact and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports.

### Remember, Your Child Wants To Have Fun

Remember that your child is the one playing t-ball/softball/baseball, not you. It's very important to let children establish their own goals - to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose your own standards and goals on them. Don't put too heavy a burden on your child to win games, Surveys reveal that 72% of children would rather play for a losing team than ride the bench for a wining team. Children play for the fun of playing.

### **Reinforce Positive Behavior**

Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and overcome their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If your child does make one, remember its all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

# Don't Be a Sideline Coach or Umpire

LFSHB Little League coaches and umpires are usually parents just like you. They volunteer their time to help make your child's t-ball/softball/baseball experience a positive one. They need your support too. That means refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. In a volunteer organization like LFSHB Little League there's always an opportunity to take your interest in coaching or refereeing to the next level and become one yourself!

#### Violations

Violations to the above will be reviewed by the LFSHB Little League Board and may result in disciplinary action including suspension.

# **Snack Stand Requirement**

1 family member from each player MUST volunteer a minimum of 1 game in the snack stand throughout the upcoming baseball/softball season. The family member will take 100% responsibility to find a replacement if he/she can't honor this agreement.

I understand the above code of conduct.

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