

Cactus Foothills Little League – North

Parents' Code of Conduct and Expectations of Parents

Code of Conduct

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 and good sportsmanship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these six pillars of character.

I therefore agree to the following:

My child:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports. I understand that not all children have the same interest in sports.
2. I will inform the manager of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
3. I will teach my child to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, violence or name-calling.
4. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child is not overly concerned with the outcome of the game or his/her performance.

Sportsmanship:

5. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
6. I, my family and my guests will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and sporting event.
7. I, my family and my guests will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing or taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or well-being of any athletes.
9. I will require my child treat the other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender, ability or actions of others.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or others for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. I will emphasize skill development and practices, and how they benefit my child, over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
12. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes above any personal desire I may have for my own child to win.

Rules and Policies:

13. I will learn and understand the rules of the game and the policies of the League, including the expectations of me to volunteer my time toward league matters and the dispute resolution procedures.
14. I will refrain from the use of all drugs, tobacco, and alcohol at all practices and games.
15. I will help ensure a litter-free environment by policing my own trash and assisting in picking up other trash that I see on and around the fields. I know league volunteers are not trash collectors.

Umpires and Coaches:

16. I will respect the umpires and other officials and their authority during games. I will not heckle, insult, belittle, harass, make disparaging remarks about or argue with umpires. I recognize that many of them are volunteers and all are worthy of the same support that we provide to the players.
17. I will not question, discuss, or confront coaches during a game, whether on the field or in the dugout, and I will take the time to speak with the coaches at an appropriate and agreed upon location and time in the event I have a question or critique of their decision-making. I recognize that the managers and coaches are volunteers.
18. I will completely refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

By registering my child to play, I agree to follow the Code of Conduct and comply with the League's Expectations of Parents policy. I understand the violation of the Code will not be tolerated and that violations will subject me to disciplinary action that could include a warning, game suspension or season suspension.

Cactus Foothills Little League – North **Expectations of Parents**

Listed below are the expectations of all parents with children participating in Cactus Foothills—North Little League. These are local guidelines developed by your Board of Directors for the benefit of all players involved in Little League. This is a volunteer organization and we urge everyone to get involved and volunteer at least the minimum levels outlined below.

- Help your Little League operate. As a condition for signing up a player each family is expected to donate 2 hours of time per child sometime during the season. This is volunteer time beyond the time spent helping the team itself (practice or games). Whether it's physical labor improving our fields, specific trade skills, organizational help, board duties, or running the snack bar, your help is expected. The schools only loan us the fields, we are expected to maintain them.
- Get players to practice and games at appointed times (e.g. at least 45 minutes before game).
- Pick players up promptly at scheduled end of practice and games.
- Make sure players bring water (especially during hot weather) to practice and games.
- Make sure players are dressed for safety and according to the weather conditions.
- Safety cups are required for Majors baseball and highly recommended for all other divisions.
- Notify your coach in a timely manner if your child will miss a scheduled practice or game.
- Support the League's fundraising events held during the season.
- Buy snacks for your team when scheduled, usually 1-2 times per season. Make arrangements with another parent if you cannot make your scheduled snack date. The league offers a snack bar special after games. For \$1 per player, each player can get a drink and a candy bar of their choice.
- Help the coaches before & after the game to prepare and clean-up the field for 2 home games during the season.
- Run snack bar for 2 home games during the season – if your team plays on a field with a snack bar.
- All teams need to keep a scorebook for each game. In lieu of running the snack bar during the season the scorekeeping duty could be shared between one or two parents.
- Realize game circumstances will sometimes dictate changes in planned position assignments and substitution patterns (all coaching decisions must adhere to CFLL-North player participation rules).
- Let the coach know in an appropriate manner if your child is chronically unhappy with team circumstances.
- Initiate discussion with the coach regarding any fundamental differences in coaching approach in a non-confrontational manner. Having these discussions immediately after a game is not an appropriate time to discuss the situation. Try calling the coach at home an hour or two after the game or practice.
- For irresolvable disputes or dissatisfaction follow the procedures listed on the League Website: www.cfll-north.com.