

# Bayville Community Little League (BCLL)

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Be familiar with, and abide by, all BCLL policies, rules and regulations dealing with codes of conduct and to explain these rules to all players. Provide an understanding of meaning of the code of conduct.
- Hold yourself to the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, and sportsmanship.
- Before stepping onto a field, the coaching staff should take some time and reflect on their own attitudes about winning and losing. Coaches need to carefully consider their own motives for coaching youth sports. If the sole purpose for coaching is to accumulate wins, then perhaps the coach should pursue coaching at a different level.
- Encourage all players to play by the rules. Remember that children learn best by example.
- Treating players with dignity is more important than a win or loss of a game. Young athletes need to be taught that the game they are playing is just that – a game. Teaching perspective is an integral part of teaching sportsmanship. Always display good sportsmanship. Respect players, coaches, umpires, parents and spectators. Act appropriately; enjoy the game together.
- Be supportive after the game, win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.
- Young athletes need to be taught to pick each other up after errors are committed. Athletes in proximity to the athlete that committed the error need to be encouraged to jog over and make some type of positive contact. A word of encouragement can be given along with a quick pat on the back. These small gestures can go a long way towards lifting the spirits of a crestfallen athlete.
- The focus of the coaching staff needs to be on the quality of the effort the athletes put forth during the game, and not on the outcome of the game. If the primary focus is on the athlete's effort, then the wins and losses of the season can be put into perspective
- Coaches shall refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual, and shall oppose such abuse and harassment at all levels of the game.
- Coaches shall seek to honor those who uphold the highest standards and principles of baseball and shall use appropriate protocol to oppose and eliminate all behavior that brings disrepute to the sport - violence, abuse, dishonesty, disrespect and violations of the laws of the game and code of ethics of the bcll.

### **If I am in violation of any of the above conduct rules, I agree to the following:**

1. Compliance to a verbal warning from umpires, Parent Advisory Board Member or any other BCLL member for breaking the code of conduct.
2. Compliance to leave the stands and premise if asked to by a member of the coaching staff, umpires, Parent Advisory Board member or any other BCLL member for breaking the rules of conduct.
3. Compliance to accept disciplinary penalties regarding the code of ethics issued by a member of the Parent Advisory Board member or any other BCLL member for breaking the rules of conduct. You will have the right to dispute any penalty to the BCLL under a formal hearing of the BCLL.

I have read the above. I will follow the code of conduct. I acknowledge the penalty incurred for any violations of the rules any time before, during or after team functions.

Player / Coaches Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_