

North Mission Viejo Little League Code of Conduct

The following sets forth the specific league policies, rules and requirements governing behavior of adults and children present at the North Mission Viejo Little League (NMVLL) fields at any time and at all NMVLL games at home or away fields. NMVLL has Zero Tolerance for un-sportsmanlike or unacceptable behavior.

All adults present will be accountable for their behavior and the behavior of their guests. Parents and guardians will be accountable for the behavior of their children.

This document will be used to certify that adults, parents, and guardians understand their responsibilities of this policy. Failure to comply may result in the immediate expulsion from the fields of the offending individual. If expelled, the individual may not return to the fields pending action by the NMVLL Board of Directors.

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (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 or other NMVLL sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) 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.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will enforce that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. 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.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I agree to read and abide by the NMVLL Code of Conduct. I will also read "Your Role as a Little League Parent", found on the Little League web site at www.littleleague.org/manual/parents/yourrole.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

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