



# Peoria Mountain View Little League

## Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is intended to be an outline of the principles and rules that govern the conduct of all managers and coaches, players, parents, spectators and umpires during sponsored activities.

Little League baseball promotes teaching sportsmanship and improvement of athletic skills and should provide wholesome and enjoyable entertainment for the youth involved. To achieve these goals requires that players and adults, both as coaches and spectators, adhere to this code of conduct.

### *Coaches, Umpires, Players, and Parents should remember the following principles:*

1. The game at this level belongs to the Kids, **NOT** the adults!
2. Children need positive examples. Negative criticism can damage young egos and discourage athletes.
3. Make athletic participation for all players a positive experience.
4. Attempt to relieve pressure of competition rather than increase it.
5. **Always show respect to all coaches, umpires, and players.**
6. All coaches are volunteers giving their personal time to provide a recreational activity for the athletes. Coaching is a valuable community service and should be encouraged – not discouraged.
7. **Applaud good plays made by your team AND members of the opposing team. Do not criticize bad plays by either team or any player.**
8. The umpires try to officiate to the best of their ability, but they will make mistakes. Do not question the umpire's judgment or honesty. Remember, the umpire is a symbol of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship for athletes.
9. Accept the results of the game. Encourage athletes to be gracious in victory and proud of their efforts and conduct in defeat.
10. Parental behavior greatly influences children. The attitude shown by parents at the games toward their child, other players, opposing team members, coaches and umpires influences the child's values and behavior in sports and in life. Criticism and disrespect for anyone on the field undermines the purpose of the sport and brings unnecessary stress into the game beyond that of healthy competition. ***All comments by parents and coaches should be kept positive at all times.***
11. I understand that alcohol consumption or possession of, or the use of tobacco at any Little League event is ***strictly forbidden***. I/We will refrain from their use at **ALL** Little League events. This includes practices, games, and team parties.

**Working together, we can make Little League Baseball a rewarding experience for everyone!**

