



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We, Greater Dunedin Little League, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child(ren) in baseball and/or softball. Parents should read, understand, and sign this form prior to their child(ren) participating in our league. Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game, practice, or other sporting event will be asked to leave the sports facility and will need to address and submit to the ruling of the Discipline Committee prior to attending future games, practices, or events. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension and/or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending practices, games, or other events.

All families will be assigned to work shifts in the concession stand and I understand that it is my responsibility to find coverage or trade shifts if I am not able to make my assigned days and times. There must be three parents (two for Highlander) from the assigned team in concession or that game will not start and the team will forfeit their game. There can/will be teams assigned during tournaments. Please keep in mind that concession is our biggest fundraiser and helps to keep registration fees down. Repeat no-shows and other issues will be handled accordingly.

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
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character”.

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in baseball or softball.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for children, 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(ren) 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 sporting event.

6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures with any player, coach, official, parent, or spectator.
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(ren) to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child(ren) treat other players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators with respect regardless of race, color, creed, sex, or ability.
10. I will teach my child(ren) that 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(ren) for competing fairly and trying hard.
12. I will not ridicule or yell at my child(ren) or other participants for making a mistake.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child(ren) over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child(ren) to win.
15. I along with my family, friends, and guests, will respect the officials and their authority during games and will not question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field. Instead I will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child(ren) that is free from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco (including chewing and vapors), and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child(ren) or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
18. I will refrain from using social media as an outlet for my concerns and/or grievances. Instead I will take the time to speak with coaches and/or board members at an agreed upon time and place.
 - a. Using social media to disrespect, slander, or degrade GDLL, managers, coaches, board members, and/or the city may result in suspension of all games.

It is important to note suspensions will be placed on the parent/guardian that has displayed behavior not in agreement with this code of conduct, not the child.

Parent/Guardian Print:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:
