

WESTCHESTER / DEL REY LITTLE LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

The goal of the WDRLL program is for children to have fun, learn new skills, improve current skills, exhibit sportsmanship, make new friends, and enjoy the game. It is important for everyone to remember these goals and exhibit behavior supportive of these goals. The coach, parent, and player expectations below will help us achieve these goals and have a successful and enjoyable season.

Coaches

1. Put the safety and welfare of their athletes above all else while maintaining positive relationships with them.
2. Treat players, parents, board members, umpires, and other coaches with dignity and respect at all times.
3. Be a role model for all players and project a proper role model image at all times.
4. Recognize that players have different abilities and skill sets, and design your practices to address the needs of all players on the team.
5. Praise and use positive reinforcement whenever possible with the players. Refrain from negative comments, criticism, and avoid emotional outbursts.

Parents/Spectators

1. Cheer positively toward all the players on all teams and encourage the players at all times.
2. Refrain from coaching from the stands. Spectator coaching from the stands confuses the players and may contradict what the coach has taught the player.
3. Treat players, coaches, board members, umpires, and other parents with dignity and respect at all times.
4. Refrain from visiting the dugout during game time and providing the kids candy and soda during the game. Dugout food is limited to sunflower seeds and water/sport drinks.
5. Do not comment on, or argue with, any calls made by the umpires. Do not yell negative comments at players, the coaching staff or umpires.
6. Spectators who display negative or inappropriate behavior will be asked to leave the stands by a board member or their representative.

Players

1. Treat parents, coaches, board members, umpires, and other players with dignity and respect at all times.
2. Cheer positively and encourage players at all times.
3. Refrain from any negative cheers, especially those directed at the other team's players.
4. Keep safety and fun as your highest priorities.

Little League parks are designated as smoke-free and pet-free facilities. Should you need to smoke, please do so outside the entrance gate of the park. And please do not bring pets to the park.

When it comes to teaching kids about good sportsmanship, parents play a crucial role. It's important to remember that the way parents behave during games or competitions can greatly impact their children's attitudes and behaviors. As a reminder, parents can encourage good sportsmanship by modeling it themselves. This means remaining respectful, positive, and avoiding

any negative behavior or unsportsmanlike conduct. Parents can also remind their children to be gracious in both victory and defeat and to always show respect to opponents, coaches, and officials. Overall, leading by example and emphasizing the importance of fair play can help instill a lifelong appreciation for sportsmanship in children.