

Plainview Little League Code of Conduct Policy

The Plainview Little League is concerned about the safety and well-being of the children participating in little league sports activities. This includes both the physical and mental well-being of each participant. Managers, coaches, parents and fans need to have a positive influence on our players and will be evaluated accordingly.

Every season starts off with good spirits and fun intentions, but situations may arise when emotions take over and tempers flare, making for scenes where the roles of adults and children become reversed. To help curb instances of inappropriate behavior at Plainview Little League games and activities, we have instituted a Code of Conduct pact to hold parents, fans and volunteers accountable for their actions.

By encouraging parents, managers, coaches and other volunteers to sign our Code of Conduct, our league has set the precedent that behavior deemed detrimental to the league and its players will not be tolerated. It also gives our Board of Directors the grounds to respond to an incident that may occur during any game, event or activities hosted by the Plainview Little League.

Plainview Little League Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

Plainview Little League has implemented the following Code of Conduct for Managers, Coaches and Parents in the Plainview Little League. Parents must read, understand and accept the terms of this policy prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct, at the sole discretion of Plainview Little League, at any game or practice will be asked to leave the field and be suspended from the following game at a minimum. Repeat violations, or increased severity of said violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

As such, all parents, managers, coaches, volunteers and any guests agree as follows:

1. Little League baseball and softball is for the children to participate and to have fun. Remember, the game is for the kids and not the adults.
2. As a manager, coach or other volunteer, I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
3. 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 sporting event.
4. **I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent, including but not limited to, booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. In fact, parents and coaches are prohibited from making any comments to the official, or about the official. The Manager is the only person who may speak with a game official and shall do so in a controlled and professional manner. Parents and other spectators should not speak to officials regarding any calls on the field under any circumstances.** Should any parent, manager, coach, volunteer or spectator engage in any form of unsportsmanlike conduct with an official, coach or player, the official reserves the right to eject that parent (and/or guests) from the game. Additionally, the individual may be subjected to suspension from a future game or games.
5. Any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the players is prohibited and may result in disciplinary action by the League.

6. Players will be encouraged to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender, disability, religion or ability.

7. Plainview Little League, with the support of its player's parents, will instill in all of its players that doing one's best is more important than winning. Any actions by anyone involved that contradicts this tenant will be handled through the League's disciplinary committee.

8. Managers, coaches, parents and guests will never ridicule or yell at any players - including one's own child - for making a mistake or losing a competition.

9.. Managers and coaches, along with parents will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit our players over winning. In the lower age groups, parents, managers and coaches will de-emphasize games and competition.

10. 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.

11. In accordance with paragraph 6 above, parents, guardians and spectators 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 appropriate time and place away from the field..

12. Plainview Little League demands a sports environment for its players that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and all those associated will refrain from their use at all Plainview Little League events.