

RADNOR-WAYNE LITTLE LEAGUE (“RWLL”) COACHES’ CODE OF CONDUCT

Radnor-Wayne Little League (RWLL) greatly appreciates the tremendous positive contributions of our volunteers. The managers and coaches of RWLL serve a very important role in the development of the children in our community. We must strive to teach players proper values that they will use throughout their lives.

To ensure our contributions as volunteers continue to be positive in nature, RWLL has set the following Coaches’ Code of Conduct:

As a representative of RWLL, I understand the importance of doing my best to consistently project positive lessons for the players that I coach, both on and off the field. I understand that a “team” is built not only on winning, but more so on trust, good sportsmanship, good citizenship, respect, courtesy, fair play and teamwork. So, I agree to the following;

- To never mistreat, or enable others to mistreat, any player, opposing player, family member, coach, opposing coach, umpire, game official, spectator or park-goer, verbally, physically or otherwise, based on race, gender, religion, physical or mental capacities, sexual preference, or gender identity.
- To refrain from engaging in physical or verbal abuse, or any other form of inappropriate interaction including obscene gestures, towards any official, fellow or opposing coach, player, or spectator.
- To refrain from complaining about perceived bad calls to players and fans, or yelling at and/or using profanity with, “ganging up on”, or similarly acting abusively toward, any umpire, coach, fan, or player.
- To refrain from engaging in any behavior that is actively distracting to opposing coaches, players, or the umpires during game play.
- To do my best to know and understand the rules, abide by them, and to coach my team in accordance with them.
- To ensure my team competes in the spirit of fair competition and with good sportsmanship,
- To not threaten to withhold, or withhold, any player or team from competition at any level of RWLL.
- To adhere to all Little League safety, concussion, and injury guidelines from the LL handbook, the RWLL Rules of Play, and RWLL’s Safety Guidelines.
- To: be responsible in caring and accounting for equipment; help set up and prepare fields; and maintain the cleanliness of fields, dugouts and stands.

I recognize that baseball and softball are games of interpretation, and as a result, disputes may occur from time to time. I will give the umpires the respect their position within the game deserves and will refrain from engaging with any umpire (student or professional) in an argumentative, distracting, or threatening manner. Only managers may initiate discussions with an umpire. Managers/coaches will conduct themselves with decorum, and once the umpire has made his/her final ruling, no coach will make any further protest at the field. Post-game protests may be made to the Baseball or Softball Commissioner, as relevant.

RWLL student umpires are as much a part of RWLL as our players, and should be treated as such. Our main objective is to help our student umpires learn responsibility and how to conduct themselves, on and off the field, so as to teach them proper values that they will use throughout their lives. Mistreatment of student umpires by a manager, coach, parent, or other adult negates these goals, is unacceptable, sets a bad example, and will not be tolerated.

Rules or safety questions should be referred to the Baseball or Softball Commissioner or other RWLL administrator/ Board member as they arise for prompt resolution. The decision of the RWLL administrator is final in all such cases, including when the RWLL administrator is the opposing coach. If a RWLL administrator is not on-site or cannot be reached, the umpire’s decision shall be deemed final by the RWLL Board in all cases.

RWLL has a “zero tolerance” policy for any aggressive or inappropriate physical contact with any player, coach, umpire, parent, fan or other person. Aggressive or inappropriate acts or behavior will not be tolerated. Offenders will be removed at the discretion of an umpire or a RWLL Board Member.

The RWLL Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to immediately suspend or remove any coach for violation of the foregoing elements of the Coaches’ Code of Conduct.

Thank you for volunteering with RWLL. We are grateful for all that you do for Radnor’s youth.