

FAIRFIELD AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE
PLAYER AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Respect the game:

1. The safety of the participants in the game is more important than the final score.
2. The manager's/coach's contribution is to be valued highly as to the development of the player talent, even though there may not always be agreement with their methods.
3. Umpires do not make the baseball rules, and it is understood that they only apply them.
4. Children/players learn, by example, from adults and any and all behavior reflects directly upon them.
5. It is understood that umpires are responsible for ensuring that games are played in a safe and fair manner for all participants.
6. The game of baseball is a learning process for players, coaches and umpires and mistakes will be made in the learning process, especially by our junior umpires.
7. There is to be no negative cheering or verbal abuse directed toward the opposing team, umpire, or coaching staff.
8. The biggest cause for players and umpires who quit the game of baseball is abuse.

Players:

1. Managers, coaches, teammates, umpires and opponents will be treated with respect at all times.
2. Rules for the game of baseball and good sportsmanship will be understood, displayed and abided by at all times by all players both on the field and at the ball park.
3. Players will learn from the manager and coaches, practice hard and play smart.
4. Players will act modestly in victories and graciously in defeats.

Parents:

1. My child will make his/her own decision to play the game of baseball.
2. My child will play baseball solely for his/her own enjoyment of the game.
3. Players will be encouraged to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts, if any, without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. Players will always be made to feel like winners by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
5. Children learn best by example. Good plays/performance will always be applauded for both my child's team and their opponents.
6. There will be the highest level exhibited to remove both verbal and physical abuse from children's efforts in all baseball activities.
7. Do not embarrass your child by yelling at umpires, players, manager's, coaches, and other parents.
8. The "24-hour" rule will be in effect during each season. No complaints resulting from a game or practice may be discussed with either a coach or manager until the following day.
9. Respect the Little League baseball zero-tolerance policy toward unsportsmanlike behavior.

All:

The Fairfield American Little League Board of Directors would like to indicate that these are desirable guidelines for behavior and will deal with unacceptable conduct at its sole discretion. There will be warnings, suspensions or expulsion as deems necessary. Any suspension or expulsion, based on violations of the Code of Conduct, will not be accompanied by a tuition refund.

Parent Signature:	Player Signature:
Parent Signature:	Date: