

CROTON LITTLE LEAGUE

CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the Croton Little League (CLL), have implemented the following **Code of Conduct**. All members agree to abide by these rules as part of their registration in the program. It is the responsibility of all members to be familiar with the guidelines set forth in the Code of Conduct.

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, and • Good Citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

Any member and/or their guest(s) who violates this code at any CLL game, practice or event will be subject to the consequences as determined by the Croton Little League Board of Directors. These include, but are not limited to:

Verbal warning by an official, manager/head coach, and/or league official; written warning; ejection from the venue by the umpire and/or league official; game or practice suspension, which will bar the individual from attending the next scheduled game, practice or event; forfeiture of game(s) through the umpire, manager/head coach and/or league official; season suspension, which will bar the individual from attending any remaining practice, games or events; and dismissal from the organization, which will bar the individual and their child or children from participation in the organization etc. Repeat violations may lead to the forfeiture of the privilege of attending all future CLL games, practices and/or events.

Therefore, parents and spectators agree as follows:

- Display and instill in all players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play, including learning and playing by the rules of the game and to resolve conflicts without hostility or violence.
- To be responsible for my behavior at games, practices and events and understand that I may be asked to leave if my behavior is not appropriate as deemed by the manager/coaches, umpires and/or league officials.
- To respect the schedules of the coaches and teammates by having my ballplayer arrive on time for practices and games and will notify my coach if my ballplayer will arrive late or not able to attend. Inform the coach of any disability or ailment that affect the safety of their child
- To promote good sportsmanship by treating ALL league and opposing players, coaches, spectators, umpires and other officials fairly and with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

- To not tease, taunt or use profanity or verbal abuse toward any player, coach, umpire, spectator or league official
- To support the rules, regulations and bylaws as established by Croton Little League and comply with the decisions of league officials
- To not petition or incite other parents, spectators, players, coaches and/or umpire against any other parent, spectator, player, coach, league official or anyone else involved in CLL.
- To respect coaching decisions regarding playing time, position and placement. All questions/concerns regarding players or coaches will be addressed the day after the game in an atmosphere conducive to problem-solving.
- To refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- To refrain from officiating from the sidelines.
- To refrain from entering dugouts and field areas during games and practices, except with the consent of team managers/coaches.
- To encourage my child and the other players that doing one's best, competing fairly and trying hard are more important than winning.
- To be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- To be drug and alcohol free while at a Croton Little League event.
- To not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes, coaches, umpires, spectators and/or league officials.
- To file, in writing to the League Board of Directors complaints regarding: violation of rules, questionable conduct such as abusive behavior by a player, coach or fan and irreconcilable personality conflicts.