



# Parent Code of Conduct

## **Support Your Child's Participation**

- Encourage your child to play the game for the enjoyment of the sport and for personal growth, not just to win.
- Support your child's efforts and celebrate their successes, while also helping them learn from their challenges.

## **Respect for Coaches and Team Personnel**

- Respect the decisions and authority of coaches, team managers, and other volunteers involved with the team.
- Understand that coaches are volunteers and parents of the players, working to provide a safe environment for the players while learning the basic fundamentals of baseball or softball.
- Communicate constructively with coaches and team personnel and respect their time and efforts.
- Bring any concerns to the coach at an appropriate time to avoid disrupting games or practices.

## **Respect for Umpires and Officials**

- Respect the umpires' calls and refrain from arguing with or criticizing officials during or after the game.
- Teach your child the importance of respecting the role of the umpire and the rules of the game.

## **Support Positive Sportsmanship**

- Encourage good sportsmanship, both from your child and from others. This includes respecting the opposing team, coaches, and officials.
- Avoid making negative comments or remarks about players, coaches, or officials at any time.
- Model positive behavior and refrain from any form of harassment, bullying, or inappropriate conduct.

## **Create a Safe and Positive Environment**

- Promote a safe and supportive environment for all players.
- Do not engage in actions or speech that might make others feel uncomfortable or unsafe.
- Ensure your child wears the proper safety gear and follows safety guidelines during games and practices.

## **Respect the Role of the Parent**

- Understand that your primary role is to support your child's participation and development, not to direct or control the team or coaches.

- Encourage your child to focus on effort and improvement, rather than solely on results.
- Communicate directly and respectfully with coaches if there are concerns about your child's experience.

### **Commitment to the League and Team**

- Support the Irondequoit Little League organization by volunteering, helping with fundraising, and contributing to the success of the team and the league.
- Be prompt in picking up and dropping off your child and ensure that they attend practices and games regularly.

### **Modeling Positive Behavior**

- Be a positive role model for your child and other players, showing respect, kindness, and good sportsmanship at all times.
- Remain calm and composed, especially during times of stress, and avoid arguing, complaining, or displaying anger.

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By adhering to this code, parents contribute to the creation of a supportive, respectful, and enjoyable atmosphere for their child's athletic development. Parents are encouraged to remember that the ultimate goal of Irondequoit Little League is to have fun and help kids learn valuable life skills through sport.