

Riverside Little League Code of Conduct

The purposes of promoting and sustaining a little league program in the Riverside Little League district include:

- To provide a safe environment for youth to learn the game of baseball and/or softball
- To develop in our players a love of the game and a knowledge of the rules
- To develop the talents and abilities of our players to their maximum potential
- To teach the concept of sportsmanship embodied in the following core principles:
 - Trustworthiness
 - Respect
 - Responsibility
 - Fairness
 - Caring
 - Good citizenship

The board, managers and coaches, parents, and players all have an equal responsibility in making sure these objectives are fulfilled. This document will be used as a reference should a violation of this code occur.

Any observer (parent, player, umpire, fan, coach, manager, other) who witnesses a violation of the code of conduct is invited to report the incident to the respective league VP of the appropriate Riverside division or directly to the league president. The VP will then, under the direction of the president, investigate the incident and verify with any other witnesses (if needed) the facts. The accused offender will have an opportunity to present his or her side of the story prior to a formal decision about any violation or administration of discipline.

Discipline for any confirmed violations of the Code of Conduct will be administered in a system of three strikes.

These strikes can and will accumulate throughout any season and result in increasing penalties. In addition, any violation that results in physical harm to another individual will automatically result in at least a one game suspension (two strikes).

Strike one: formal written warning.

Strike two: automatic one game suspension.

Strike three: suspension for no less than two weeks up to the entire season.

A violator has the right to appeal to the board for any discipline felt to be unjust or undeserved. The said violator must present at a set time determined by the board.

As a player in the Riverside Little League, I agree to the following code:

I will always do my best in practices and games

I will arrive on time for practices and games and refrain from using my cell phone/texting

I will respect my teammates

I will listen to and respect my coach

I will respect the umpires and fans

I will respect the opposing players, coaches, and fans

I will help maintain the fields

I will clean up the dugout after each game

I will refrain from eating seeds or other food in the dugouts

I will abide by the ground rules of each field I play on

I will learn the rules of the game and respect them

I will stay in my dugout or on my bench while not playing, and not wander out among the fans

I understand that I may be disciplined for any of the following behaviors while participating in a little league activity (as a player, fan, or observer) and agree to not:

Throw equipment or display forceful conduct in dissent of an official's decision

Verbally attack any official, coach, player, or spectator

Use profane, obscene, or vulgar language at any time

Publicly mock, tease, or humiliate another individual in any manner

Participate in any sort of hazing activity

Gamble upon any play or outcome of any game

Publicly discuss in a negative way another player's ability or talents

Use any tobacco products

Speak disrespectfully towards any coach, official, or league representative

Use unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game against an opposing player

Disregard or intentionally violate any Little League rules or local ground rules

Expose anyone to harm or unsafe conditions during practice or games

Engage in any physical altercation with another individual

Thank you from the Riverside Little League Board of Directors!

Any questions please email us at riversidebillingslittleleague@gmail.com