



Aliso Viejo Little League 2009 Zero Tolerance Policy



Aliso Viejo Little League will continue to follow a “Zero Tolerance” policy regarding inappropriate behavior. This policy will encompass all interactions during the course of the pre-season, regular season and post-season, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following: games, practices, field day, opening day, TOC, all-stars, and any other league sponsored event(s).

Our sons, daughters, nieces, and nephews far too often watch many of us forget the real reason for being involved in Little League. In the Board’s opinion, this is reason for a zero tolerance policy and is why the “Little Leaguer and Parent Volunteer Pledge” is recited by our players before each and every game. We must promote fair play, good sportsmanship, and teach our children how to play the game. We feel it is everyone’s responsibility to teach the players that there is more to the game than winning or losing and the final score. The entire BOD takes this responsibility seriously. The following statements will represent our position and more importantly constitute our “Zero Tolerance” policy from this point forward.

Our umpires are unpaid volunteers, who genuinely do the best they can to ensure our children’s safety while upholding the spirit of the governing rules that guide Little League Baseball. We cannot, and will not, tolerate comments or constant complaining about umpires’ calls. These comments jeopardize our ability to attract, recruit, and retain these volunteers, without whom the games could not be played. In instances where parents, spectators, or coaches cannot control their comments or behavior, they will be forced to leave the game area and (in extreme situations) may lose the privilege of watching or attending future games.

In all instances where discipline is required, the umpires are empowered to make the initial decision, and are the governing authority to act on behalf of the Board implementing the policy herein. In extreme situations / cases, the Board will have the final say-so relating to long term expulsions / suspensions from involvement with the league.

We also would like to remind and underscore that umpire / crowd abuse is not the only purpose for a Zero Tolerance policy. There is concern for a growing number of adults associated with the league who model behaviors inconsistent with the philosophy of Little League Baseball. Zero Tolerance is not targeted at just parents and coaches, but everyone involved with the league. This list includes all board members, coaches, players, parents, grandparents, extended family, friends and spectators.

Please help uphold the espoused virtues of Little League Baseball of character, courage and loyalty by showing good judgment and mutual respect towards others when taking in a game at Woodfield Park or while involved in any other Little League activity. Be an outstanding example for the children in our community, always remembering that Little League’s mission is to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes.

Little League Pledge

I trust in God
I love my Country, and will respect its laws
I will play fair, and strive to win
But win or lose, I will always, do my best

Parent Volunteer Pledge

I will teach all children to play fair and do their best
I will positively support all managers, coaches and players
I will respect the decisions of the umpires
I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game



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The Board of Directors of Aliso Viejo Little League has adopted this Zero Tolerance Policy for the 2009 season.

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President's Signature

11/19/08

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