



Aliso Viejo Little League Code of Conduct

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 preseason, regular season and postseason, which shall include, but not be limited to, the following: games, practices, field day, opening day, TOC, All-Stars Tournament, and any other league sponsored events.

Our children far too often watch many of us forget the real reason for being involved in Little League. In the Board’s opinion, this is the reason for a Code of Conduct 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 Code of Conduct henceforth.

The Code of Conduct shall govern the behavior of all Managers, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Parents, players, spectators, fans, and League Officials. Upon enrollment, parents/guardians are responsible for their fans, and/or family members in attendance to adhere to all Aliso Viejo Little League (AVLL) and Little League International Rules and AVLL Code of Conduct.

Section One: No person shall; physically attack any manager, coach, player, spectator, fan, umpire or league official; or at any time lay a hand upon, shove, kick, strike, or in any way intimidate by threat of force any manager, coach, player, spectator, fan, umpire or league official. No person shall use any methods; i.e., verbal, gestures with either hand or body, to incite physical or verbal altercations between manager, coach, player, spectator, fan, umpire or league official. At no time shall physical or verbal fighting be allowed.

Penalty - Violation of section one will result in immediate ejection from the game or removal from the Little League function. The offending party shall be removed from their League position or forfeit their player eligibility for the remainder of the season. AVLL will contact law enforcement in every instance of a physical assault. In the case of a spectator or fan, their attendance at future games can be limited, or their player removed from the program.

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 may lose the privilege of watching or attending future games.

Section Two: No person shall; refuse to abide by the umpire’s decision. Nor shall they show his/her discontent with an umpire’s decision by throwing a glove, bat, ball, or any other object. Nor shall any person discuss the umpire’s decision except a manager or their designee; and/or discuss publicly the decision of an umpire in a manner that is derogatory or abusive of the umpire.

Penalty - Violation of section two will result in the offending party’s immediate ejection from the game. The offending party shall also be suspended for the next game actually played. The league reserves the right to take further action depending upon the severity of the ejected party’s behavior. The ejected manager, coach, player, spectator, fan, or league official is required to leave the property at which the game is being played. *Refusal to leave the property following the ejection will result in the forfeiture of the offending party’s eligibility to participate as a member of the League for the remainder of the season.*

Section Three: No person shall; be guilty of using unnecessarily rough verbal tactics during a game or target any manager, coach, player, spectator, fan, umpire or league official for retaliation during the course of a game or subsequent to a game. Nor shall any person direct abusive, profane, vulgar, or obscene language or gestures at any manager, coach, player, spectator, fan, umpire or league official during any game or Little League function.

Penalty - The offending party shall be immediately ejected from the game and shall be suspended for the next game *actually played* and/or be removed from the function. The offending party may be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. The League reserves the right to take further action depending upon the severity of the behavior of the party ejected or removed.

Section Four: No person shall; participate in any Little League activity while intoxicated or under influence of an illegal substance nor shall any alcohol, tobacco, smokeless tobacco, and/or illegal substances be consumed at any Little League game or facility. Nor shall any person wager upon the outcome of any Little League game with any spectator, player, manager, coach, parent, or League official.

Penalty - The offending party shall be; immediately ejected from the game and shall be suspended for the next game *actually played*. The offending party may be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. The League reserves the right to take further action depending upon the severity of the offending party's behavior.

Section Five: No person shall; use any form of electronic communication, or social networking to slander, defame or communicate negative comments or aspersions about any manager, coach, player, spectator, fan, umpire or league official. Any concerns about any of the above persons should be directed to the proper league personnel, utilizing the Board of Directors to help with conflict and misunderstandings.

Penalty – Any person violating this section will be warned and depending on the seriousness of the behavior could be suspended from one or more games or removed from the league. Managers, Coaches and Players will be placed on probation. If a parent violates this section, their player(s) could be removed from the program.

Section Six: No person shall: cause careless or willful damage to any League building, equipment, or property or deface any League building, equipment, or other property. All property or equipment shall be returned to the League in the same condition as given, with the exception for normal wear and tear.

Penalty – The offending party or parties shall receive a written warning from the league and shall make full restitution for the repair of any damages and may be placed on probation for the remainder of the season. The League reserves the right to take further action depending upon the severity of the offending party's behavior.

Section Seven: Any violations of the Code of Conduct, Aliso Viejo Little League Local Rules, or Little League International Rules will be reviewed by the appropriate AVLL Board Members which could include, but not limited to Player Agents, Commissioners, Umpire in Chief, and members of the Executive Leadership Team Board of Directors. Any situation not specifically addressed in the Code of Conduct, or other rules, shall be considered on an individual basis and shall be reviewed by the President and the Executive Leadership Board of Directors. All decisions may be appealed in writing to the full Board of Directors. The decision of the full Board of Directors shall be final.

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