

# LAKE STEVENS LITTLE LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

## **PURPOSE:**

Little League is a program of service to youth.  
It is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity  
with community participation.

We are dedicated to promoting teamwork, good  
sportsmanship, and a working knowledge of the sport.

## **PLEASE NOTE:**

### **LSLL REFUND POLICY:**

Refunds will not be allowed after a player  
has participated in any team practice.

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## ATHLETE'S CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I will attend all practices, games and meetings, and any other team function, on time.
2. I will show respect towards all coaches, adults and players at all times.
3. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship on and off the field.
4. I will not fight, use bad language, put down my teammates, or argue with my coaches.
5. I will stay within the established areas of the sidelines and team bench areas during games.
6. I understand that I risk being ejected and/or suspended from a game or further league participation if I display unsportsmanlike behavior.
7. I will be coachable and ready to learn.
8. I will be a team player and always put the team first.
9. I will obey the coaches and the rules of my sport.
10. I will try my best to learn and have fun.
11. I understand that the use or possession of drugs, alcohol, any tobacco product, or participation in any illegal activities will be reason for ejection from the team and/or any league participation.
12. I will respect my equipment and take care of it; if I don't I will pay to replace it.
13. I will show proper respect for an official's judgment and interpretation of the rules. I will not argue judgment calls by the umpires.

### *Please Note:*

### **SIGNATURE SHEET POLICY:**

Athletes will not be allowed to participate in any team practice until the code of conduct signature sheet is completed and returned to the league.

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## PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Parents need to be made aware of the Rules, Regulations and philosophy of Little League Baseball. Parents should support the efforts of the volunteer coaches and of the league. Please be a positive influence on the program or be willing to volunteer your services to improve it. Please present your opinions and problems to officers of the league in a constructive manner. Demonstrate that you recognize the effort expended by the volunteer personnel by refraining from unsportsmanlike conduct.
2. The use of profanity, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco during any Lake Stevens Little League event is prohibited. The use of any tobacco products on school property is prohibited. (It is an illegal act.) This will result in your immediate ejection from school property.
3. Never argue with an official or coach during practice or games. Any complaint or concern can be made in writing, first to the head coach, then to the Lake Stevens Little League Board of Directors, if needed. All complaints will be promptly investigated. (The board meets the third Thursday of every month at The Boys & Girls Club of Lake Stevens; meetings are open to the public.) Never voice any complaints or concerns towards coaches, umpires, or league officials in front of the players.
4. Understand that your child will be given every opportunity to participate and to compete; however, the safety of our athletes is our number one concern.
5. Any parent who enters the playing field during a game (except for an injury to your child) risks their, or their child's, immediate removal from the field and/or disqualification from further participation. This rule shall be enforced by the game's officials, team coaches and/or Lake Stevens Little League Board Members.
6. Any parent who displays unsportsmanlike behavior during a game risks their, or their child's, immediate removal from field and/or disqualification from further participation. The game's officials, team coaches and/or Lake Stevens Little League board members shall enforce this rule. Set an example for your child by always showing good sportsmanship.
7. Applaud good plays and overlook errors. Congratulate the winner and encourage the loser. Enjoy the game for what it is. Try to praise your child's hustle and effort. Recognize that Little Leaguers are children, not professional players; they need encouragement, not criticism. Allow your child to have fun and play as a child.
8. Realize that the umpire is closest to the play and that each umpire calls each play as he/she sees it from their vantagepoint. The umpire is a volunteer who has assumed a difficult but necessary role. Parents will show proper respect of an official's judgment and interpretation of the rules.
9. Parents shall respect the equipment given to their child and take care of it. Parents shall be responsible to pay to replace equipment that is lost or damaged by alteration or neglect.
10. The parent **SHALL** inform the coach **PERSONALLY**, and provide **WRITTEN** permission for their child to walk, ride a bike, or to be picked up by someone other than the parent from games and/or practice.
11. In consideration to all coaches, parents please be **PROMPT** when bringing or picking up your child from practice or games. Coaches may not leave the field until all children have been accounted for.
12. Parental participation is the key to the league's success. If possible, please show your support by volunteering in your child's league. Please join in the total effort. For information contact the head coach or your division coordinator.

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## COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Coaches will always be fair, firm, and consistent.
2. Coaches will promote a positive attitude and lead by example, encouraging their players at every opportunity.
3. Coaches will follow the rules of the sport and teach the fundamentals of baseball at a level and pace that displays the best possible environment for learning.
4. Coaches will show an appropriate, cooperative attitude in communicating with game officials and will always show good sportsmanship.
5. Coaches will listen to their player's concerns and try to help them in any way they can.
6. Coaches will encourage each athlete to be physically and mentally ready for whatever task is asked.
7. Coaches will strictly adhere to the policies and procedures of the Lake Stevens Little League and set a proper example for everyone to follow.
8. Coaches will stress teamwork and respect for each athlete and coach.
9. In accordance with Lake Stevens Little League By-laws, all coaches will file a Washington State Patrol background investigation form with the league in order to participate.
10. Coaches will allow each athlete a chance to compete and excel.
11. The use of drugs, alcohol, or any tobacco products is prohibited around kids. This is cause for automatic removal from a coaching position.
12. In the event that a player is injured, there will be two coaches attending to the injured player. (If at all possible.)
13. All head coaches are responsible for assistant coach's infractions and unacceptable behavior.
14. All coaches will show proper respect for an official's judgment and interpretation of the rules, respect for the judgment and the authority of the umpire, and instill in their players a respect for the authority of adult leaders in the league.
15. At the completion of each game or practice, the coach will insure that all players have left the field with a parent or authorized person. For a child to receive a ride home from someone other than the parent, **PERMISSION MUST BE IN WRITING BY THE PARENT.**
16. Managers, coaches, and umpires should have some training in first-aid. A first-aid kit should be available at the field.
17. No games or practice should be held when weather or field conditions are not safe, particularly when lighting is inadequate.
18. Play area should be inspected frequently for holes, damage, glass, and other foreign objects.
19. Dugouts and bat racks should be positioned behind screens.
20. Coaches are responsible for keeping bats and loose equipment off the field of play.
21. Batters must wear protective helmets during practice as well as during games.
22. Catchers must wear a face mask helmet, chest protector, and shin guards during games, at practice, and between innings, and in bullpen. Male catchers must wear protective supporter and cup at all times.
23. At no time should "horseplay" be permitted on the playing field.
24. Coaches should familiarize themselves with home background of the youngsters and their families.
25. Coaches should instill a desire to win and to improve, striving to impart as much baseball knowledge as possible to each player.
26. Coaches should be instrumental in shaping acceptable behavior patterns whether the team wins or loses.
27. Coaches should know the playing Rules and Regulations of Lake Stevens Little League and be able to interpret them correctly, play by the rules and adhere to their intent, and instill in the players a respect for the rules of the game.
28. Profanity by players, coaches and fans is not allowed at any time.

# Lake Stevens Little League Code of Conduct Signature Sheet

***Players read and sign;***

I have read the Lake Stevens Little League Athlete's Code of Conduct and agree to follow it to the best of my ability. I realize that failure to do so may result in my removal from my team or suspension from league play. I agree to participate within the guidelines and expectations that are made for me.

Player's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Parent or Guardian read and sign;***

I have read and understand the Parent's Code of Conduct. I understand this also applies to all guardians of athlete's. I understand that failure to comply with this code could result in the suspension of my child from participation or exclusion of myself from Lake Stevens Little League. I agree to follow the league rules to the best of my ability.

Parent or Guardian Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Managers and coaches read and sign;***

I have read the Coach's Code of Conduct and agree to follow it. I will do my best to be a good role model and representative for our youth. I agree to uphold the morals and standards of the Lake Stevens Little League. I will teach the athletes proper sportsmanship, discipline, rules of the game and the fundamentals of baseball. I have read, understand and agree to adhere to the division rules in which I will coach.

Coach's Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_