



# DIVIDE LITTLE LEAGUE

## Manager/Coach Code of Conduct

The Divide Little League Board of Directors' goal is to ensure that games are fair, positive, and enjoyable experiences for all players and their families. Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "honors the game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and fans.

A requirement by Little League International is that all managers attend a Coaching and Safety clinic. In addition, Divide Little League requires attendance at an annual Coaches Meeting. The clinics and meetings are held to enhance knowledge of the game and rules and share information about the League's operations.

- I understand that the safety and welfare of the players is my number one priority.
- I understand that as a manager/coach, I have a tremendous influence on the players. I will strive to be a positive role model in my interactions with all players, parents, and officials.
- I will not use tobacco products or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while around players.
- I will act with dignity and patience and portray an optimistic spirit before, during, and after the game.
- I understand players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
- I will always encourage players and provide positive support.
- I will treat officials with the utmost respect and support their decisions.
- I will follow Little League International rules when communicating with umpires regarding review and protests.
- I will not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials.
- I understand that teaching good sportsmanship and the six core principles - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship - should always be placed above winning.
- I understand that as a manager/coach, practices should be held as scheduled by the League.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to check that fields are open and if a field is closed, I am responsible for communicating to my team and canceling practice.
- I understand that as a manager/coach, I am responsible for the team and coaching staff.
- I understand I am responsible for knowing the rules, and ignorance will not be accepted as a valid reason for misbehavior.

I understand that these policies cannot address every possible situation that presents itself and they do not eliminate the expectation of good judgment and positive behavior at all times. By signing below, I agree to comply with the policies and understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action up to and including removal as a manager/coach from Divide Little League.

Name of Manager/ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Manager/ Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_