

# Coaches' Code of Practice and Game Conduct

## PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING

The following code of conduct outlines a philosophy that is paramount to producing a positive experience for young players of any sport. Baseball is a sport that belongs to the players. It is a game that offers physical challenges, emotional satisfaction, and lifelong values and experiences for those who play.

Within this context, coaches should prioritize the welfare of their players and dedicate themselves to upholding the highest standards of conduct in support of their players. Sportsmanship and ethical values highlighting respect, fairness, civility, honesty, integrity and accountability are a foundation for the sport.

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer as a coach. You are the face of Gastineau Channel Little League (GCLL). By signing below, you agree to all terms set forth therein.

### Coaches will:

- Always treat officials in a respectful manner
- Always teach and practice good sportsmanship on and off the field
- Always strive to be positive and constructive in dealings with all players, umpires, parents and spectators.
- Act professionally and take responsibility for their actions; and be a positive role model for all players and parents
- Provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for practices and competition
- Support and encourage the personal and skill development of all players, showing interest, enthusiasm and support
- Be knowledgeable in the rules of Little League Baseball and Softball, including local rules and any applicable tournaments and teach and explain these rules to players
- Consider the player's welfare first and not the win/loss record
- Be fair, considerate and honest with players and parents; communicate using simple and clear language
- Do their best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players
- Act in the best interest of the player's health and longevity regardless of the situation and abide by pitch count limits
- Remember I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults
- Always strive to be positive and constructive in dealings with all players, umpires, parents and spectators
- Report to the GCLL Board of Directors any unusual or special circumstances with coaches, players, parents, or spectators with which I was unable to satisfactorily deal with
- Respect the GCLL board members, officials and umpires during all GCLL events

### Coaches will not:

- Use threatening, profane or obscene language or gestures at any time during practices or games
- Attend a game or practice under the influence of drugs or alcohol; including tobacco or chewing tobacco
- Argue with an official or attempt to influence the decision of an official
- Talk down or make derogatory comments to coaches, players, officials, parents, spectators or emotionally or physically denigrate coaches, players, officials, parents or spectators
- Engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; arguing calls, refusing to shake hands or alike

A coach ejected from a game shall automatically be suspended from coaching in the next regularly scheduled game; and the Board of Directors of GCLL may take additional action as set out below.

Any violation of this Code of Conduct may, at the sole discretion of the President or Board of Directors of GCLL, result in the reprimand of a coach, or the suspension or expulsion from GCLL practices, games and/or events (including post-season and subsequent seasons) and said coach will willingly do so and without incident.

By my signature below, I \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I understand and will abide by the Coaches' Code of Conduct for the Gastineau Channel Little League 2021 season.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_