

# MACOMB LITTLE LEAGUE

## Parent Code of Conduct

Welcome to the Macomb Little League season. Our league is dedicated to providing a safe, positive, and enriching environment where the youth of our community can learn the fundamentals of baseball. To achieve this, we rely heavily on the cooperation, support, and exemplary behavior of our parents and spectators.

### MISSION & CORE VALUES

Little League is designed to mold future citizens rather than simply produce superior athletes. Macomb Little League stresses that achieving exceptional athletic skills or winning games is secondary to the development of character and the enjoyment of the sport.

**Sportsmanship:** Demonstrating fairness, respect, and graciousness in both victory and defeat.

**Character:** Building integrity, responsibility, and strong moral principles through teamwork.

**Community:** Fostering a supportive, welcoming environment for families, neighbors, and guests.

### STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR

As a Macomb Little League parent, guardian, or spectator, you play a vital role in shaping your child's experience. You are expected to uphold the highest standards of general good behavior at all practices, games, and league events.

- **Respect for Volunteers:** Our coaches and board members are volunteers dedicating their personal time, energy, and resources to support your children. Treat them with patience, kindness, and gratitude.
- **Respect for Umpires:** Umpires are human, and like everyone else, they can make mistakes. They are structural pillars of the game. Absolute respect toward umpires is mandatory at all times.
- **Respect for Coaches & Players:** Support your coaches' decisions and allow them to instruct the team. Encourage all players on the field, regardless of their skill level, and never criticize or mock a child's performance.
- **Respect for Fellow Parents & Spectators:** Maintain a friendly and encouraging environment in the stands. Avoid negative comments, opposing team rivalries, or hostile arguments.
- **Respect for Children Not Playing:** Siblings, family members, and young spectators in attendance deserve a safe environment. Ensure that children who are not actively playing in the game are supervised, kept safe from stray balls, and treated respectfully by adults.

- **Strict Prohibition of Profanity:** Little League fields are spaces dedicated entirely to children. The use of profanity, vulgar language, or obscene gestures by parents or spectators is strictly prohibited.

### **IMPORTANT: PROTOCOL FOR ISSUES AND UMPIRE INTERACTION**

**Parents shall not interact with, yell at, or confront umpires at any time before, during, or after a game.**

If you have a question, concern, or grievance regarding an officiating call, rule interpretation, or game incident, you must follow the proper chain of command: raise the issue privately with your team's head coach or a Macomb Little League board member. Let the coaches handle all on-field communications. Scorekeepers may also interact with umpires about game information.

### **Want to Call Balls and Strikes?**

Macomb Little League thrives entirely on volunteer power. If you find yourself frequently identifying missed calls or feel strongly about how the games are officiated or coached, **we are always looking for more volunteers to umpire and coach!** Please reach out to a board member to find out how you can step onto the field, complete a background check, and officially join our volunteer staff.

## **VIOLATIONS & ENFORCEMENT**

Macomb Little League reserves the right to review any behavior that violates this Code of Conduct. Consequences for non-compliance may include verbal warnings, ejection from the game facility, suspension from attending future games, or permanent revocation of league attendance privileges. **Umpires may remove any person for any reason at any time.**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to abide by the Macomb Little League Parent Code of Conduct. I understand that my behavior directly impacts the youth in our community and agree to support the league's mission.

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**PARENT / GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME**

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**PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE**

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**CHILD'S NAME & TEAM / DIVISION**

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**DATE**