



## SHORE REGIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

We, the Shore Regional Little League, have implemented the following Parent's Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports.

By registering a participant in the Shore Regional Little League program, all parents/guardians of the participant are bound by this Parent's Code of Conduct. Parents/guardians should read and understand this Code of Conduct prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice may be asked to leave the sports facility. Repeat violations will result in suspension or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games. Also, improper conduct will have a direct effect on their child being allowed to participate in team practices and games.

### Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

Trustworthiness	Respect	Responsibility
Fairness	Caring	Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these 6 Pillars of Character.

I (meaning all parents and guardians of participants) therefore understand and agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the League.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players,

coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other SRLL coordinated event.

6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the players.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I understand that is a voluntarily league and that no refunds will be issued after Feb. 25th.
18. If at any point I have a concern for my child's well-being or have a concern with the way the team is being coached, I will file a grievance with the Shore Regional Little League Board of Directors immediately at [ShoreRegionalLL@gmail.com](mailto:ShoreRegionalLL@gmail.com).
19. Shore Regional Little League has a zero-tolerance policy on any verbal or physical threats or abuse on anyone at any function of this organization. Any violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action imposed by the SRLL Disciplinary Board.

I understand that failure to comply with the above may result in the immediate removal from any event by Shore Regional Little League in addition to possible criminal prosecution under NJ Statute Law 2C:12-1f. All parents and guardians of Shore Regional Little League players are expected to adhere to this Parent's Code of Conduct.