



SAUGUS NATIONAL LITTLE LEAGUE

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The mission of Little League International is to assist youths in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being. By espousing the virtues of character, courage and loyalty, the Little League Baseball and Softball program is designed to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes. In the spirit of that mission, all Saugus National Little League players are required to follow the Golden Rule of Sports: Treat opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans the way you would like to be treated yourself - with respect.

Each player is expected to:

- Respect his/her teammates and opponents;
- Cheer for his/her team and never against the other team;
- Offer a sportsmanlike handshake to all opposing players and coaches after each game;
- Be a good sport whether his/her team wins or loses; and
- Understand that his/her coach's decisions are final, and will accept the coach's decisions.

Each player will not:

- Argue with any teammate, coach or umpire;
- Trash talk or taunt anyone on his/her team, the other team, a coach or umpire;
- Intentionally try to hurt another player;
- Swear during a game or practice;
- Intentionally throw his/her bat or helmet.

Each player understands that if he/she fails to live up to these expectations, he/she may be removed from a practice or game.

The Saugus National Little League Board of Directors asks that all parents and guardians show the players how to be good sports. Please help our league by applauding either team when completing a good play. Please do not complain about a call or decision in front of the players while a game is being played. Never embarrass a player, coach, or game official at any time. We encourage fair play at all times. We want our children to learn the value of being a good sport whether they win or lose. Thank you for supporting our mission and spreading the goodwill of Little League Baseball.

"I think Little League is wonderful. It keeps the kids out of the house." – Yogi Berra