

Code of Conduct

The purpose of Oak Grove Little League, Inc. is the same as stated in the *Official Regulations and Playing Rules* of Little League Baseball Inc., and is as follows:

“Little League Baseball is a program of service to youth. It is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation. The movement is dedicated to helping children become good and decent citizens. It serves to inspire them with a goal and to enrich their lives toward the day when they must take their own places in the world. It establishes for them, rudiments of team work and fair play.”

In order to preserve this purpose and the philosophy of OGLL and Little League Baseball, Inc, as a member of OGLL, I hereby agree to abide by the following:

- 1) I will remember that children participate to have fun, and that the game is for the children, not the adults.
- 2) I will teach my child that doing your best is more important than winning.
- 3) I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league and will abide by them.
- 4) I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 5) I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
- 6) I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
- 7) I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games unless I am one of the official coaches on the field of play.
- 8) I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, or confront coaches or umpires at or on the game field. If I have a concern, I will take time to speak with the coach (es) at an agreed upon time and place in a manner which does NOT include verbal or physical harassment whether in person and/or other forms of communication (phone or email.)
- 9) I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of un-sportsman-like conduct with any official, coach, player or parent, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- 10) 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 and practice.
- 11) I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health or well-being of the players.
- 12) I understand that drugs, tobacco and alcohol are not permitted at any practice or game location, and will refrain from their use while attending practices or games.
- 13) I will inform the league of any medical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- 14) I will not force my child to participate in sports.