

Sport Parent Code of Conduct

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 youth, **NOT ADULTS**.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. 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 sporting events.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of un-sportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using **profane language** or **gestures**.
6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
7. 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.
8. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
9. I will never **ridicule** or **yell** at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
10. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
11. 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.
12. I will **not enter the dugout**. I understand that **I'm not allowed** in the dugout, that **only** the Managers and Coaches and Volunteers of Monroe LL are allowed in the dugout.
13. I will refrain from coaching my child or others during games and practices, unless I am one of the official team coaches.
14. I will not consume alcohol, narcotics or smoke tobacco products at any Monroe LL game or event.