

# Golden Valley Little League Player and Parent / Guardian Codes of Conduct

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The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and. We achieve this highest potential of sports when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

The Golden Valley Little League ("GVLL") exists to help young players develop baseball skills, to develop an appreciation of the game of baseball and learn skills that will help them be successful in all areas of their life. There are six core principles that central to what GVLL stands for: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship GVLL does not believe in win-at-all-costs or a "winning is everything" approach. Even at our most competitive level where winning is the objective, this objective can not be allowed overshadow the learning experiences that participating in GVLL provides. Nothing will be allowed to be more important than the well-being of the players.

All players, coaches, parents, guardians, guests and fans are required to follow the guidelines below. By meeting the guidelines we guarantee that everyone who participates in GVLL activities will have a rewarding experience. GVLL expects that you honor this while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in all GVLL events

The following Player and Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct (the "Code") was developed using several sources including the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation, the Iowa Baseball League, and the Columbus, Indiana Parks and Recreation Department.

## Players' Code of Conduct:

- I promise to be positive about my experience in GVLL and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Code.
- I will demonstrate good sportsmanship and encourage it from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will listen to my coaches and be respectful with them at all times
- I will treat my teammates, other players, officials and fans with respect at all times
- I 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.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

## Parent (s')/ Guardian (s') Code of Conduct:

- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will support the rules and policies of GVLL.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model by being respectful and demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or GVLL event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing taunting; yelling or using profane language or gestures.

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- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the players, spectators or officials.
- I will talk with my child about the expectation that my child treat all other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child, other players, coach or umpire for making a mistake or losing.
- I will talk with my child about the importance of skill development and practices.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games. I will not confront coaches at the game field.
- If I have concerns or disagreements with the manager or coaches I will speak with them at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will refrain from using tobacco alcohol and drugs at all GVLL events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am an official coach of the team.
- I promise to be positive about my child's experience in GVLL and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Code.

### Enforcement and Consequences:

Anyone who fails to conform their conduct to this Code while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a GVLL event will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Immediate verbal warning issued by an authorized GVLL representative.
2. Immediate ejection or exclusion from an occurring GVLL event issued by an authorized GVLL representative.
3. Written warning issued by the GVLL Executive Committee authorized to issue such warning.
4. Multiple GVLL event suspension issued by the GVLL Executive Committee authorized to issue such suspension.
5. GVLL season suspension or multiple GVLL season suspension issued by the GVLL Executive Committee authorized to issue such suspension.

A GVLL authorized representative is any current GVLL Board Member, rostered GVLL Team Manager, rostered GVLL Team Coach, rostered GVLL Team Parent or game umpire. The GVLL Executive Committee is the current GVLL President, Vice President and Player Agent.