

# PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand that travel baseball is a competitive sport and **there are no guarantees as to the amount of playing time or position that I will play in games**. Every effort will be made to be as fair as possible. I will agree to listen and follow the instructions of the team Manager and coaching staff at ALL TIMES.

I am aware that the team has limited membership, and as such that each player's participation (including my own) is crucial in maintaining the high standards of play we are striving to attain. As such, I understand my attendance at all games, practices, team meetings, scrimmages and official games is important to the team's success.

I agree to display good sportsmanship, positive behavior, cheer on my teammates, take pride in personal and team accomplishments, and accept winning or defeat with dignity at all times.

Obey and understand the following:

1. During games: I understand that team rules require me and my teammates to remain in the dugout and/or bench while the game is going on (AT ALL TIMES). I am not allowed to sit with parents or with spectators, EVEN if I am not in the game. (Excused illness only)
2. Take pride, care and wear my uniform properly at all times.
3. Wear my entire uniform at games.
4. During the game, I will know where my equipment is at all times.
5. While in the dugout, I will cheer on my teammates. No distracting horse-play.
6. I will pay attention to the game on the field at all times. I will watch and pay attention for base running instructions from base coaches and not from fans watching the game, including parents.
7. NO player is to question a coach about player position or playing time during a game. Either about themselves or in a second hand conversation to others. There are proper times and place for this.
8. Bullying is not an acceptable conduct of Green Mountain Lightning and is prohibited. Any player who engages in conduct that constitutes bullying shall be subject to disciplinary consequences up to and including suspension or dismissal from team.
9. I will not use technology/social media to verbally abuse coaches, other players, parents or umpires, or post inappropriate pictures.
10. **I agree not to:** use foul language, physical aggression, and uncooperative behavior/body language.
11. **I agree to:** arrive to practices, tournaments and team functions at the designated time. When in the game, I will pay attention to the game and be ready to make a play to help my team at all times. I am aware and understand that there will be consequences for not following these rules and they are:

- a. Change of playing position and or reduced playing time.
  - b. Removal from the game/lineup
  - c. Released from the team
12. Should I have any questions concerning specific playing time, position(s), and/or concerns regarding interest in specific areas of the game, I will discuss this with my Manager or Coaches directly at the appropriate time and place (outside of games, practices or the team dugout).

Consequences and Penalties:

Failure to live up to the Code of Conduct, whether it be by the athlete or parent, may result in one of the following sanctions being imposed by the Coach and/or the Board of Directors upon the athlete:

1. Suspension from the team – the suspension imposed may range anywhere from one game or practice to one or more games or weeks, depending upon the severity of the misconduct and the surrounding circumstances.
2. Dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season.
3. Permanent dismissal from the Green Mountain Lightning organization.

Possible Reasons for Suspension or Expulsion from the Team:

1. Failure to comply with the Green Mountain Lightning Player/Parent Code of Conduct.
2. Two or more unexcused absences from scheduled practices, games or meetings.
3. Walking out on practices, meeting or games.
4. Exhibiting disrespectful or negative behavior towards teammates, coaches, officials or spectators. Each case will be handled on an individual basis.
5. Failure to comply with team expectations and rules.

Use of Alcohol, Illegal Drugs or Tobacco during the season.

Players caught using these will be immediately suspended from the team. Not only is the use of these drugs illegal, but they also severely inhibit a player's ability to perform at a championship level. Penalty imposed will be at the discretion of the Board of Director's. Penalty imposed may range from one game to permanent dismissal from the team.

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_