



## **EVERGREEN LITTLE LEAGUE: CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **ROLE OF PARENTS, GUARDIANS, SUPPORTERS AND PLAYERS**

The parents, guardians, supporters and players of Evergreen Little League represent an impressive cross section of our community. Parents must take the initiative to make Evergreen Little League successful. Evergreen Little League is not a club in which membership implies childcare benefits and entertainment privileges. All persons associated with E.L.L. must recognize that their actions, and behavior, are often perceived by the public, and our competition and our players as representative of Evergreen Little League. Therefore, it is incumbent of all E.L.L. parents, players, coaches, and fans to act as ambassadors of our proud organization.

### **Parents, Guardians, Supporters and Players are expected to be aware of the following:**

- Learn the basic rules of baseball and/or softball.
- Be positive in any criticisms of the program and be willing to volunteer time and/or services to effect improvements.
- Demonstrate recognition of the effort expended by the volunteer personnel by refraining from unsportsmanlike conduct and “grandstand” coaching.
- Realize that the players are children and need encouragement more than criticism.
- Applaud good plays, encourage a greater effort, congratulate the winner and encourage the loser.
- Participate in the end of the game activities (handshake, cheer, clean up, etc).
- NO ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO AT ANY TIME.

### **Parents, Guardians, Supporters, Players, Managers, and Coaches must observe the following rules at all games and practices:**

- Only players, coaches, umpires or league officials are allowed on the field at any time.
- Treat players, coaches, umpires, league officials and other parents with civility and respect.
- Do not interfere with the ability of a coach to devote his/her attention to the game or practice.
- Do not criticize an opposing team, player, coach, and or fans by word of mouth or gesture.
- No abusive or profane language at any time.
- No contact with any participant or game official.

Any incident of unsportsmanlike conduct or other violation of Evergreen Little League rules at any game, practice, or league activity is subject to disciplinary action by the Evergreen Little League Board of Directors. Disciplinary action can be anything from a request to stop up to a ban from Evergreen Little League facilities.

### **Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement:**

By registering their child, each parent or guardian acknowledges and agrees that: 1) Participation in Evergreen Little League is a privilege and not a right; 2) the player and his/her family will follow the above code of conduct; and 3) acceptance into Evergreen Little League and continued participation by a player (and his/her parent or guardian) is subject to the final decision of the Evergreen Little League Board of Directors in its sole discretion.