

Lockport Midget Baseball League

Code of Ethics

Board Statement



Athletic competition helps young people grow in confidence, loyalty, teamwork and skill. The Lockport Midget Baseball League Board of Directors is committed to promoting the proper ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play. Good citizenship and respect for others will be the expected conduct at all times. Everything must be done to ensure the well being of each individual player. The Lockport Midget Baseball League Board of Directors will work to eliminate all possibilities, which will defeat the purposes of the program.

Coaches Code

The function of the coach is to properly educate youngsters through participation in Lockport Midget Baseball League youth baseball program. Each person should be treated as though they were the coaches own son/daughter and their welfare shall be of the utmost importance at all times. In recognition of this, the Lockport Midget Baseball League Board of Directors has adopted the following guidelines for coaches.

1. The coach must be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence in the education of the athlete, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
2. The coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with the athlete, umpires, coaches, parents, league officials and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical standards and moral conduct.
3. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use. The use, abuse and resulting negative influence of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco while around the players will not be tolerated.
4. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the baseball rules and is responsible for their interpretation to the team members. The spirit and letter of the rules should be regarded as mutual agreements. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
5. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their spectators and parents, by working closely with them.
6. Umpires shall have the respect and support of the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct, which will incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of umpires or players is unethical.
7. Before and after contests, rival coaches should meet and exchange greetings to set the correct tone for the game.

Players Code

It is the duty and responsibility of the **player** to:

1. Demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times, be they Umpires, Coaches, Spectators or other Athletes.
2. Remember that participation in the Lockport Midget Baseball League is a privilege that is not to be abused by unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. Deal with opponents with respect. Shake hands after the competition and congratulate them on their performance.
4. Respect the integrity and judgment of the Umpires and League Officials.
5. Remember that improper behavior while on the field reflects poorly upon yourself, your family, your team and the community.
6. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game.
7. Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.
8. Remember that the use, abuse and resulting negative influence of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco, is detrimental to the game and its participants and will not be tolerated.

Spectators Code

It is the responsibility of the **spectator** to:

1. Keep cheering positively. There should be no profanity or degrading language or gestures.
2. Avoid actions that offend teams, individual players, umpires, coaches, league officials or other spectators.
3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a better informed spectator.
5. Treat all teams, individual players, umpires, coaches, league officials and other spectators in a manner in which you would expect to be treated.
6. Accept the judgment of coaches, umpires and league officials.
7. Encourage the coach, players and other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
8. Avoid the use, abuse and resulting negative influence of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco.