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Saugus Little League Baseball (SLLB) Code Of Conduct

SLLB is committed to establishing the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play in children that chose to participate from ages 4-12. Our number one priority is that all players enjoy their experience while having the highest level of respect for all players, coaches, spectators, and League Officials creating lasting positive memories for all involved. SLLB expects all involved to act as amazing upstanding role models to inspire all participating children to become good and decent citizens of our community. We expect all participants in our league including but not limited to coaches, players, parents, officials, and spectators to have the same mindset and contribute to building exceptional experiences by supporting and respecting all involved. The Umpire and Team managers will issue one Verbal warning to anyone violating the SLL Code Of Conduct. **There will be no second warnings. The individual will be ejected by the umpire, and the Team manager associated with the individual must ensure the offending spectator leaves the premises immediately, or your team will forfeit that game.** (Note, in the event of a truly unruly or aggressive spectator who refuses to leave, please do not hesitate to contact Saugus Police to have them removed - as noted in the SLLB Code of Conduct)

The SLLB Board of Directors will review each incident and take any action deemed appropriate and necessary.

NO BOARD MEMBER, MANAGER, COACH, PLAYER OR SPECTATOR SHALL AT ANY TIME:

- Use profane language
- Speak disrespectfully directly or indirectly to an individual
- Taunt, tease, insult, antagonize, or bully (i.e telling another player they suck, are dumb, stupid, or any form of insults etc)
- Demonstrate objectionable behavior
- Throw equipment or use un-sportsmanlike behavior
- Physically or verbally assault an individual
- Challenge an umpire's authority
- Break any game, League, and National Little League Rules
- Appear at the playing field/area intoxicated
- Use vaping, tobacco, drugs, smoking of any kind, or alcohol products within 50 feet of any playing field or Little League activity.

All Ball and strike calls by Umpires are final and cannot be challenged. Any rule violations can be challenged by the manager only thru the Umpire. After a challenge the umpires final decision cannot be challenged or questioned a second time. In cases where rules may not be followed the manager must be prepared to show the umpire the rule either thru SLLB website or Little League Internationals website or official Rule books (print outs are acceptable). See Major League Rules for info on protesting a game.



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Team Manager & Coach Responsibilities

1. At the beginning of each game, coaches from each team will meet with the umpire to review ground rules for the game. In addition to the customary ground rules, coaches will also instruct the umpire to issue warnings to any spectators who:
 - a. Verbally or physically threaten them;
 - b. Challenge their authority/call on the field;
 - c. Demonstrate disrespectful or objectionable behavior
 - d. Violate any part of the SLL Code of Conduct
2. The umpire should be instructed to issue a verbal warning for the first violation
3. For a second violation by the same spectator, the umpire should clearly identify the offender and eject them, requiring them to leave the premises
4. In the event the individual does not leave the game promptly, the team that spectator is associated with will forfeit the game.

It is the responsibility of you, as a coach, to actively enforce this policy, specifically:

1. After a first warning issued by the umpire, you should speak with the spectator and reinforce the umpire's decision, stressing they refrain from further actions.
2. Upon a issuance of a second warning and ejection by the umpire, you must ensure the offending spectator leaves the premises immediately, or your team will forfeit that game. *(Note, in the event of a truly unruly or aggressive spectator who refuses to leave, please do not hesitate to contact Saugus Police to have them removed - as noted in the SLLB Code of Conduct)*

To be clear, your responsibility as a Manager / Coach is to:

1. Clearly explain the ground rules regarding this policy to the umpire before each game
2. Support and enforce the umpire's decisions.

Coaches are not responsible for determining the specific behaviors that warrant a warning/ejection or for issuing warnings, that is the umpire's job.

Please inform the SLLB Board of Directors (EMAIL?) of any ejections that occur during your games, as further actions by the Board may be warranted.