

# Cedarburg Little League Codes of Conduct for Parents, Coaches/Volunteers, and Players

### **Ensuring a Positive and Supportive Environment for All**

At Cedarburg Little League (CLL), we believe in fostering a positive and supportive atmosphere for our youth players. Our codes of conduct outline the proper roles and responsibilities for parents, coaches/volunteers, and players within our league. By adhering to these guidelines, we can create an enjoyable and enriching experience for everyone involved.

### Section 1: Parent Code of Conduct Supporting Your Child and Promoting Good Sportsmanship

As a CLL Parent, you play a crucial role in nurturing our community's youth and promoting sportsmanship. We encourage you to follow these guidelines to ensure a positive experience for all:

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship by providing positive support at all times.
- Communicate with your coaches/volunteers prior to your scheduled practice/game ahead of time to allow the coaches/volunteers time to plan practices and lineups accordingly. The coaches/volunteers can determine their preferred method of communication.
- Remember that children play for fun, and the game is for youth, not adults.
- Refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct, such as booing, taunting, or using profane language.
- Teach your child(ren) that effort and personal growth matter more than winning.
- Respect the officials and their authority during games. Respect the coaches/volunteers who are giving of their time to provide the experience for your child(ren). Respect the players on both your team and opposing team by cheering in a positive manner. Respect the spectators from both teams.
- Avoid confronting coaches, volunteers or umpires during games or directly after the games. Please give 24
  hours to address any issues with the coaches/volunteers/umpires.
  - Appropriate items to address:
- 1. Treatment of your child
- 2. Ways to help your child improve
- 3. Concerns about your child's behavior
- Issues NOT appropriate to discuss with your coaches/volunteers:
- 1. Team strategy
- 2. Play calling
- 3. Other players
- If you plan on helping coach, or volunteer as an extra set of eyes in the dugout, even on a small part-time basis, you must fill out and complete the necessary paperwork prior to assuming any related activities with the team (and complete a background check by Town staff confirming you as an approved Cedarburg Little League Coach/Volunteer).

Failure to abide by these rules may result in disciplinary actions, including verbal or written warnings, suspensions, or removal from league activities. The Cedarburg Little League Board of Directors has the sole authority to determine appropriate disciplinary measures.

## Section 2: Coach/Volunteer Code of Conduct Setting a Positive Example and Fostering a Supportive Environment

As a Cedarburg Little League Coach/Volunteer, you serve as a role model for the players and the community. We ask you to adhere to the following Code of Conduct:

- Complete the required volunteer application and submit it with a copy of a photo ID. This needs to be completed on an annual basis. If you coached/volunteered the previous season, you are still required to complete the application



on an annual basis. You are not to assume the role of coaching/volunteering until you have received confirmation from the Director of Parks & Recreation confirming you as an approved Cedarburg Little League Coach/Volunteer.

- Complete all required trainings required by Little League International and Cedarburg Little League.
- Prioritize the emotional and physical well-being of players over winning.
- Treat each player as an individual, considering their unique developmental needs.
- Ensure a safe playing environment for all players.
- Organize engaging and challenging practices for all players.
- Exhibit fair play and sportsmanship and instill these values in players.
- Teach the rules of the game to players and parents.
- Remember that you are a youth sports coach, and the game is for children, not adults.
- Refrain from abusing coaches, umpires, parents, or players in any way. This includes but not limited to physical abuse, sexual abuse, verbal abuse, or any other intimidating action.
- Promote development, fun, fairness, and sportsmanship over winning.
- Avoid using profanity or offensive language.
- Encourage respect among players, teammates, coaches, officials, and parents.
- Foster a team atmosphere, emphasizing collaboration over individual achievements.
- Abide by league policies and rules.

Failure to adhere to these guidelines may result in disciplinary actions, including warnings, suspensions, or removal from league activities. The Cedarburg Little League Board of Directors has the sole authority to determine appropriate disciplinary measures.

### Section 3: Player Code of Conduct Embracing Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, and Sportsmanship

As a Cedarburg Little League Player, your responsibilities are simple: be respectful, responsible, fair, and always do your best. To exhibit good sportsmanship, please follow these guidelines:

- Encourage good sportsmanship among fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents.
- Be a team player, supporting your teammates.
- Attend practices and games punctually, notifying coaches if you cannot.
- Strive to improve your skills through hard work.
- Listen and learn from your coaches.
- Encourage parental involvement with your team.
- Congratulate the opposing team after games to demonstrate sportsmanship.
- Refrain from using violence, unfriendly language, or insults towards others.
- Be gracious in both victory and defeat.
- Follow the rules of the game and work for the good of the team.
- Accept officials' decisions with grace, refraining from challenging or questioning calls.
- Conduct yourself with honor and dignity at all times.
- Applaud the efforts of both your teammates and opponents.

Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in disciplinary actions, including warnings, suspensions, or expulsion from the league. The Cedarburg Little League Board of Directors has the sole authority to determine appropriate disciplinary measures.

#### Conclusion

At Cedarburg Little League, our goal is to create a supportive and positive environment that encourages the growth and development of all participants. By adhering to our Codes of Conduct for parents, coaches/volunteers, and players, we work to provide a fun, fair, and enriching experience for everyone involved. Thank you for your commitment to maintaining the highest standards of sportsmanship and integrity within our league.