

GREATER WILDWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT (adopted 3/1/2011)

It is the desire of the Greater Wildwood Little League Board of Directors for players, parents, managers, coaches, umpires and other spectators to be able to enjoy the sport of baseball in a safe and positive environment. To this end, the following policy is adopted to establish guidelines as to what actions constitute unacceptable behavior and the recommended consequences of such actions.

I - Scope: This policy pertains to actions taken by players, managers, coaches, parents, and other spectators before, during, and after a game, practice or team event. The infractions and sanctions outlined in Section III are not all-inclusive, and are considered guidelines that the Greater Wildwood Little League Board of Directors and Conduct Committee will follow. The Board of Directors at all times reserves the right to clarify, modify, add, waive, or amend the terms and conditions of any Infraction or Sanction, whether proposed or imposed, per the procedure set forth in section II. If the Greater Wildwood Little League Board of Directors implements a termination or suspension of a player, manager, coach, parent, or other spectator or invokes a period of probation, those so penalized shall lose the privilege of participating in any Greater Wildwood Little League activities or serving Greater Wildwood Little League in any official capacity during their period of termination, suspension or probation. Any person serving a suspension or termination may not allow themselves to be within eyesight or earshot of any Little League activity while serving the suspension or termination.

II - Procedure: Any player, manager, coach, parent, umpire or other spectators may bring a complaint against another party. The complaint shall be in writing and shall be directed to the President of the Greater Wildwood Little League who shall instruct the Conduct Committee to investigate the alleged infraction. At the conclusion of the investigation, the Conduct Committee will report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors will vote to accept or reject the Committee's recommendations, or implement any other course of action that the Board of Directors deems appropriate. The President may choose at his or her discretion to call a meeting of the Board in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting to review and act upon a complaint. This meeting date and time are at the discretion of the President and are closed to the public.

III - Specific Infractions and Sanctions:

A. Manager or Coach (shall also apply to any other adult present in the dugout area):

1. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision, either by raising his/her voice, gesturing or otherwise clearly demonstrating dissent:
 - First offense: Written warning from the President.
 - Second offense: Suspension for the coach's / manager's next scheduled game.
 - Third offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.
2. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision by initiating physical contact with the umpire, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking in any way.
 - First offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.
3. Confronting adults in a physical manner by initiating physical contact, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking in any way.
 - First offense: Suspension for remainder of the season.
4. Striking or attempting to strike a player, either on his/her team or an opponent.
 - First offense: Permanent termination from the Greater Wildwood Little League.
5. Use of Foul Language or Profanity:
 - First offense: Written warning from the President.
 - Second offense: Suspension for the coach's / manager's next scheduled game.
 - Third offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.
6. Refusal to provide name of player or coach to umpire if requested.
 - First offense: Suspension for the coach's / manager's next scheduled game.

B. Parents and other spectators:

1. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision, either by raising his/her voice, gesturing or otherwise clearly demonstrating dissent, or vocally harassing a player on the field or encouraging the willful injury of another player:
 - First offense: Counseling by a Board Member.
 - Second offense: Suspension from attending any Little League activity for a period of fifteen (15) days.
 - Third offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.
2. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision by initiating physical contact with an umpire, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking any way:
 - First offense: Permanent termination from Greater Wildwood Little League.
3. Confronting any adults in a physical manner by initiating physical contact, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking in any way.
 - First offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.
4. Striking or attempting to strike a player, either on his/her own team or an opponent:

- First offense: Permanent termination from Greater Wildwood Little League.
- If parents or guardians fail to honor a termination, their child will lose their playing privileges.

5. Use of Foul Language or Profanity:

- First offense: Written warning from the President.
- Second offense: Suspension from the child's next scheduled game.
- Third offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

C. Players

1. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision, either by raising his/her voice, gesturing or otherwise clearly demonstrating dissent, or vocally harassing a player on the field or encouraging the willful injury of another player:

- First offense: Counseling by a Manager or Coach.
- Second offense: Suspension for the player's next scheduled game.
- Third offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

2. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision by initiating physical contact with an umpire, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking any way.

- First offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

3. Confronting adults in a physical manner by initiating physical contact, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking in any way.

- First offense: Suspension for the player's next scheduled game.
- Second offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

4. Striking or attempting to strike player with malicious intent, either on his/her own team or an opponent:

- First offense: Suspension for the player's next scheduled game.
- Second offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

5. Misuse of equipment (for example: throwing helmets or bats).

- First offense: Counseling by a Manager or Coach.
- Second offense: Suspension for the player's next scheduled game.
- Third offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

6. Use of Foul Language or Profanity:

- First offense: Written warning from the President.
- Second offense: Suspension for the player's next scheduled game.
- Third offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

7. Poor Sportsmanship (shall include any derogatory statement or chant directed at on opposing team or player):

- First offense: Counseling by a Manager or Coach
- Second offense: Suspension for the player's next scheduled game.
- Third offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

IV – Other Terms and Conditions:

1. Any person suspended for the remainder of a season shall be prohibited from participating in any Little League activities from the time of the start of the suspension through the earlier of: (a) the conclusion of the annual awards banquet, OR (b) the end of the calendar year in which the suspension was imposed.
2. A "scheduled game" includes regular season and post-season games (i.e.: playoff games, tournament games, all-star games).
3. Profanity shall include, but not be limited to the words and terms disseminated to all managers and coaches prior to the start of the season.
4. Any person who is suspended for a third time during their cumulative time as a member or spectator of the Greater Wildwood Little League shall upon their third suspension be deemed permanently terminated from the league. Example: Player "John B." is suspended during the 2011 season, then again in the 2014 season, then again in the 2015 season. The suspension in 2015 is the player's third suspension, therefore with the third suspension the player is permanently terminated from the league.

Tear off this section and submit to team Manager or Coach

By signing this Code of Conduct I agree to abide by the above listed policies of the Greater Wildwood Little League for the entire season beginning with the first practice. This agreement will be in effect for the current season only. Refusing to sign this document will preclude participation.

Player's Name: _____ Player's Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____