



Whalley Little League Parent Code of Conduct

Whalley Little League is committed to fostering a positive, respectful, and character-building environment for all players. We rely on the support and leadership of parents and guardians to uphold the values and standards of our league.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in sportsmanship and in the three Little League core principles:

Character • Loyalty • Courage

Good citizenship — the highest potential of youth sports — is achieved when competition reflects these three pillars.

Parents and guardians are expected to read, understand, and commit to the following principles prior to their child participating in league activities.

As a Parent/Guardian, I Agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I understand that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth participation — not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability, medical condition, or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
4. I will learn and respect the rules of the game and the policies of Whalley Little League.
5. I (and my guests) will model respectful behavior and sportsmanship at all games, practices, and league events by demonstrating courtesy and positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in unsportsmanlike, aggressive, abusive, or inappropriate conduct toward any official, coach, player, or parent. No negative or derogatory comments will be directed toward the opposing team or officials.
7. I will not encourage any behavior or practice that could endanger the health or well-being of any athlete.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts respectfully and appropriately, without hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing their best — even in the face of loss — earns respect and is more important than winning.
11. I will never ridicule, demean, or raise my voice at my child or any participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. I will emphasize skill development, effort, and practice over winning, particularly in younger age groups.
13. I will prioritize the emotional and physical well-being of all athletes ahead of any personal desire for competitive success.
14. I will respect officials and their authority during games and will not openly dispute or undermine their decisions.
15. I will help ensure a sport environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, cannabis, vaping products, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all league events and facilities.
16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games or practices unless I am an officially rostered coach for the team.
17. If I engage in improper conduct at a game, practice, or league event, I understand that I may be required to leave the facility immediately and may be suspended from attending future games. Repeated violations may result in multiple-game suspensions or forfeiture of the privilege to attend league events for the remainder of the season.
18. I will not question, confront, or criticize coaches immediately after a game. I agree to follow a 24-hour cooling-off period and will request a meeting at an agreed-upon time and place to discuss concerns respectfully.

Acknowledgement and Acceptance

Receipt of this Parent Code of Conduct constitutes confirmation that the parent/guardian has read, understands, and agrees to abide by its terms and expectations.

Participation of a child in Whalley Little League activities signifies acceptance of these standards. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from league facilities and events.