

NEWTON WEST LITTLE LEAGUE ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

To ensure the quality of our youth sports program and the safety of all participants, Newton West Little League will enforce the following Zero Tolerance Policy:

FOR COACHES

- The only time coaches can interact with an umpire is to do the following:
 - Review the field's ground rules before the game
 - Interpret rules during the game
 - Thank them after a game
- No other coach-initiated interaction with an umpire is acceptable. The umpire has the right to immediately expel a coach who violates this policy. Umpires are to report any violation to league officials within 24 hours.

FOR PARENTS/SPECTATORS

- Parents are not to address umpires, opposing coaches, or opposing players, **either directly or indirectly**, before, during, or after a game. This means no yelling, jeering, questioning, criticizing, or feedback of any kind – EVER! *
- Any parent who addresses an umpire will be ejected from the field for the first infraction.
- Further infractions will result in suspension from the league for the rest of the season.
- Parents should also try not to address players and coaches on their own team during a game as it can be distracting, confusing, and counter-productive. If you would like to speak with your child's coach, please arrange a separate meeting time that is mutually agreeable.

FOR UMPIRES

- No umpire is to interact in any way with a parent or fan.

An umpire who feels bothered by anyone outside the fence should immediately stop the game, convene both teams' managers, and tell them to inform their spectators of our ZERO tolerance policy. Any spectator who continues will be ejected without further warning.

If a spectator refuses to leave, the umpire will stop the game and that spectator's team will forfeit the game. If a spectator's affiliation is unclear, the managers will clear the field of ALL spectators before resuming play.

If at any time anyone is, or may be, in danger, the POLICE are to be called immediately.

Thank you for adhering to this policy.