

# CODE OF CONDUCT

## OCEAN VIEW LITTLE LEAGUE

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: **Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Good Citizenship.**

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflect these principles. **I therefore agree:**

1. I will not force my child to participate in sport.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all Players, Coaches, League Officials, Umpires, and Spectators at every game, practice, or sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any League Official, Coach, Player or Parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, League Officials, Umpires and Spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the League Official's and Umpire's authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront Coaches at the game field. I will take the time to speak with Coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
18. I will show and will teach my children to show respect for the fields, equipment and facilities that are provided by not allowing the climbing on or over of fences and buildings, digging on any field and littering.

I understand that OVLL is an all-volunteer organization and that my role as parent is to support my player, the other players within the League, and the League organization with all the required volunteer obligations while exhibiting a positive role model and respect for everyone and for the facilities of OVLL.

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**PLAYER NAME**

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**SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN**