

GREENWICH VILLAGE LITTLE LEAGUE PARENT CONTRACT

As a parent in Greenwich Village Little League, I agree to abide by the following code of conduct:

1. I will be a role model for my child, exhibiting good sportsmanship, self-worth and fair play. I will provide encouragement and support for my child as well as for all players on the team.
2. I will read through the Player contract with my child, making clear that he or she must follow the rules outlined therein. I will point out when mistakes are made and discuss with my child ways to avoid those mistakes in the future.
3. I will respect and support my child's coaches and refrain from publicly criticizing them. Whatever disagreements I may have I will discuss privately, in a calm and constructive manner, off the field. If an issue isn't resolved to my satisfaction, I will contact the division Coordinator and—if I feel the matter warrants further review—the Player Advocate.
4. I will respect decisions regarding playing time and positions. I may not agree with where my child hits or plays in the field, but it is important to emphasize to my child that positions are based on many factors, including how players can best contribute to the success of the team.
5. I understand that winning is important to the team, but I will also recognize that there are other goals the coaches promote, including fairness, teamwork and player development.
6. I will respect the opposing players, coaches and fans, showing appreciation for their performance and respect for their abilities. I will refrain from publicly criticizing opposing teams.
7. I will respect the umpires. They may occasionally make the wrong call, but voicing my displeasure will not change things and will only reflect poorly on me and my child's team.
8. I will make sure my child arrives to games and practices on time, is properly dressed and equipped, and is hydrated and fueled. If I know that my child will miss a practice or game, I will inform the Team Manager as far in advance as possible. In cases of illness or injury, I will alert the Team Manager as soon as it is evident that my child is not well enough to play.
9. I will stay away from the dugout at games and allow the Team Manager and the other coaches to coach. Doing otherwise may undermine the Team Manager, confuse my child with conflicting messages, or prevent him or her from focusing on the game.

10. I will think before I speak at any game I attend, knowing that the person sitting next to me in the stands could very well be the parent of another child on the field, the spouse of a coach, or the friend of an umpire.
11. I will be responsible for the behavior of my family members at games and practices and ensure they are respectful at all times.
12. I will offer my help as a volunteer to leverage my skills, where possible. The success of this team is run on the contributions of volunteers, and I want to contribute whatever I can to help.
13. I will do everything within my control to make this a positive experience for my child, other players, families and coaches.
14. I will make my child available for all tournaments, showcases and games. These will include the MDWT, fall travel ball and Little League World Series qualifying tournaments.

By signing this contract, I agree to do my best to follow all rules outlined herein.

I understand that repeated violations of these rules will result in consequences for both me and my child, including but not limited to my removal from games and/or a diminished role for my child on the team.

By taking responsibility for my role as a parent, I am doing my part to ensure the team's success and to make this season a positive experience for my child, as well as for my child's teammates and coaches.

Parent name

Child name

Parent signature

Date