

## **SARATOGA LITTLE LEAGUE "CODE OF CONDUCT"** *(For Parents, Volunteers, and Fans of the Saratoga Little League)*

1. I will not force children to participate in Little League.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform a league official of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of children or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the Saratoga Little League.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, managers, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any 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 youth to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that athletes treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing ones' 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 athletes 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 youth or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit athletes 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 players to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take 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 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.