

Code of Conduct

We, the **Manhattan Beach Little League**, have implemented the following **Volunteer/Coach Code of Conduct** for the important message it holds about the proper role of Volunteers, Managers and Coaches in Youth Athletics. Volunteers, Managers and Coaches should read and understand this policy prior to volunteering in our league. Any volunteer guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. The Board of Directors will review all infractions. Depending on the severity or frequency, the Board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from Manhattan Beach Little League.

Preamble

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 and Good Citizenship.**

No Volunteer, Manager or Coach Shall at Any Time:

- Lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike an official.
- Be guilty of heaping personal verbal or physical abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision or judgment.
- Be guilty of an objectionable demonstration of dissent at an official's decision by throwing of gloves, helmets, hats, bats, balls, or any other forceful unsportsmanlike action.
- Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game against the body of an opposing player.
- Be guilty of a physical attack upon any board member, official manager, coach, player or spectator.
- Be guilty of the use of profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner at any time.
- Appear on the field of play, stands, or anywhere on the Little League complex while in an intoxicated state. Intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue.
- Be guilty of gambling upon any play or outcome of any game with anyone at any time.
- Smoke while in the stands or on the playing field or in any dugout. Smoking will only be permitted in designated areas which will be 20 feet from any spectator stands or dugouts.
- Be guilty of publicly discussing with spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner any play, decision or a personal opinion on any players during the game.
- As a manager or coach, be guilty of mingling with or fraternizing with spectators during the course of the game.
- Speak disrespectfully to any manager, coach, official or representative of the league.
- Be guilty of tampering or manipulating any league rosters, schedules, draft positions or selections, official score books, rankings, financial records or procedures.
- Challenge an umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including expulsion from the game.

