

## JDLL Coaches Code of Conduct

A Little League Manager/Coach provides the front line contact between the league and players. A Coach must exemplify through their actions, the qualities and virtues identified within *“The Mission of Little League Baseball”*. Coaches play a critical role in both the personal and athletic development of their players. Coaches must understand and respect the inherent power imbalance that exists in the Coach/Player relationship and must be extremely careful not to abuse it. Coaches must recognize they are conduits through which the values and goals of JDLL Baseball are channeled.

When granted the privilege to coach, you serve at the pleasure of the Jamesville Dewitt Little League (JDLL) Board. Your selection reflects an opinion of your ability to exemplify the high standards set at JDLL. Your acceptance of the responsibilities required of a JDLL Coach constitutes your agreement to abide by the following:

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### As a JDLL Coach I Have a Responsibility to:

1. Know, understand and follow JDLL **Coaching Recommendations** for my league level.
2. Know, understand and comply with established Local, District and National Little League rules.
3. Instruct and require players to uphold the rules of their sport and the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
4. Consistently display high personal standards, presenting a professional and competent image at all times.
5. Present exemplary behavior during all Little League and/or related activities.
6. Ensure a safe practice and play environment.
7. Ensure all play and practice activities are suitable for the player age, experience, ability and fitness level.
8. Treat opponents and officials with respect, both in victory and defeat, requiring players to act accordingly.
9. Treat all players equally regardless of gender, origin, color, orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
10. Ensure that every player feels important, directing comments or criticism at the performance, not the athlete.

### As a JDLL Coach I Will:

1. Ensure the safety of all players. Inspect and prepare playing field for practices and games.
2. Be at the field before the first player arrives and leave only after the last player has been picked up.
3. Make sure each player is picked up by a parent or guardian.
4. Schedule regular practices including all players.
5. Meet with parents, informing them of my expectations, techniques and style. Encourage parental involvement.
6. Teach all players equally the correct rules for their level of play.
7. Comply with established Local, District and National Little League rules.
8. Display, encourage and require sportsmanship with the umpire, other coaches, players, teams and fans.
9. Place individual play, skill development, emotional and physical well being first and winning second.
10. Remember there is no I in team and that the game is for all players to have fun.

### As a JDLL Coach I Will Not:

1. Conduct myself in such a manner as to get thrown out of a game and/or be removed from the field.
  2. Demonstrate preferential treatment for any player, instruct or allow players to “bend the rules”.
  3. Under ANY circumstances argue with and/or yell at any player.
  4. Demonstrate poor sportsmanship toward the Umpire, Coaches, players or fans.
  5. Use any form of tobacco, drugs, or alcohol, while involved in/around Little League and/or related activities.
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I have read and understand all statements herein. With my signature below, I agree to conduct myself in a manner exemplifying all standards established in the JDLL Coaches Code of Conduct. I understand my failure to do so may cause suspension or revocation of my privilege to coach within the Jamesville Dewitt Little League.

**Name** (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_