



We, the Capitol Hill Little League (CHLL), have implemented the following **Parent and Guardian Code of Conduct** for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents and guardians in supporting children in sports. Parents and guardians **should read, understand and sign this form** prior to their child's participation in our league.

Any parent or guardian displaying improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from attending the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the privilege of attending all remaining games.

CHLL Parent and Guardian Code of Conduct

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. Therefore, I agree to the following:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
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, 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 players.
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, officials 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 skills development and practices and how they benefit my child. I will de-emphasize winning games and competition, especially in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect umpires and league officials and their authority during games; 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 CHLL games, practices, and other activities.
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.