

Parent Code of Conduct

Parents/Guardians should:

- Not force their kids to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport and let it be fun.
- Encourage players to play by the rules.
- Not display unsportsmanlike conduct by yelling at players, coaches, or umpires.
- Emphasize skill development and fundamentals, and not overemphasize winning, especially in the younger age groups.
- Familiarize themselves with rules, techniques, and strategies.
- Recognize a good effort in victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game.
- Never verbally or physically abuse your child after a game or practice – and recognize how destructive this can be.
- Parents should never approach a coach after a game with a complaint. If a complaint needs to be raised with the coach, this should be done outside of a game or practice setting, and should be done in a professional manner. If the issue is not resolved after discussions with the coach, the parent will then be able to raise their complaint to the Dell Rapids Little League board. Both the parent and the coach will be asked to meet with the DRLL board to discuss the issue, and the meeting will conclude when the issue is resolved. The DRLL board will not hear any complaints that have not tried to be resolved with the coach directly first.
- Parents and spectators will not ridicule, taunt, humiliate or demean players, coaches, umpires, or other officials.
- Recognize the commitment and importance of volunteer coaches to the development of your child and the sport. Get to know them and be appreciative of their efforts.
- Never consider DRLL to be a “child-care” service. Try to make it to games and practices and see if you can do something to help out. Just because you don’t consider yourself an “expert” (few are), use your child’s involvement as an opportunity to become more involved with them.
- Never leave your child at a practice or game without letting a person in charge know how to reach you.
- Drop off and pick up kids on time. Get kids to as many practices and games as possible. They are part of a team.
- Parents and spectators will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies, and procedures as established by the Dell Rapids Little League.