

## **A.L.L. Sport Parent Code of Conduct / Waiver**

The following Sport Parent Code of Conduct is utilized by Amesbury Little League for the important message it holds about the role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents must read, understand, and sign this form prior to their children participating in Amesbury Little League.

Any parent guilty of violating these rules at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and may be suspended from subsequent A.L.L. activities (including but not limited to games and practices). Repeat violations may result in the privilege of attending all activities for the remainder of the season.

### **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.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

### **On behalf of the parent(s) and guardian(s) of the registered child, I therefore agree:**

1. I / We will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I / We will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I / We will inform the coach of any physical, *mental*, and/or *emotional* disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I / We will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I / We (and my / our 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 or public forum, including social media.
6. I / We (and my / our 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 / We will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I / We will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I / We will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.

10. I / We 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 / We will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel valued after each practice and game.
12. I / We will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I / We will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
14. I / We will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront them at the game field.
15. I / We will respect the coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront them at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I / We 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 Amesbury Little League events.
17. I / We will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

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In signing this document, the signatory and his/her family releases Amesbury Little League, its directors, coaches, umpires, and/or league affiliates from any claim(s) or cause(s) of action that any of us may now have or hereafter acquire resulting from any of the following circumstances:

1. Bodily injury to the above named child incurred as the result of intentional acts of another participant in the course of supervised athletic activities of the League.
2. Negligent acts or omissions by a League-related individual or entity during or en route to or from supervised League activities.
3. During athletic activity where such athletic activity is not planned, sanctioned, or supervised by the League or occurs before or after supervised League activities.
4. As a result of defects in playing fields or surfaces chosen for play by the League.
5. Emotional distress resulting from conduct of League related individual or entity, or from any of the occurrences here above set forth.
6. Pain and Suffering, loss of society and companionship or wrongful death resulting from any of the above referenced circumstances.
7. Defamation resulting from conduct, acts or omissions by any League-related individual or entity.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date