

Westlake Baseball League

Codes of Conduct

The mission of the Westlake Baseball League (“WBL, or “the League””) is to provide a favorable environment for the creation of cherished lifetime memories for the players, parents and coaches participating in our programs. There are many things that go into making this a reality. The most significant impact on the achievement of this mission is the behavior of every person involved in the program. The League expects each player, coach and parent to conduct themselves in a proper, sportsmanship manner regardless of circumstance. In order to convey this expectation, the League has prepared Codes of Conduct.

Player’s Code of Conduct

As a player:

I will play by the rules and never argue or complain about the umpire’s decisions.

I will take care of my equipment and the team’s equipment. I will not throw my helmet, hat, glove or bat if I disagree with the umpire or coach.

I will make only positive and encouraging comments to players on all teams.

I will play to have fun, to learn and improve upon the skills of baseball, and to build team social skills.

Parent’s Code of Conduct

As a parent:

I will not force my child to participate in this league.

I will remember that the players are participating to have fun, and that the game is for them, not the adults.

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.

I will show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, my child would not have the opportunity to participate.

I will teach my child to lose with dignity and win with grace.

I will communicate with coaches, League officials and other parents, and support them.

Coach’s Code of Conduct

As a coach:

I will emphasize skill development and practice to the benefit of each player.

I will remember that the players are participating for the fun and enjoyment of playing baseball, and winning is only part of their motivation.

I will gauge my success as a coach by the level of enjoyment that my players and parents have experienced, and by the amount of improvement of every player in the age-appropriate skill set outlined at the beginning of the season.

I will teach my players to lose with dignity and win with grace.

I will not use tobacco (smoke or chew), drink alcohol or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while attending a League activity.

I will not use profanity or negative behavior toward the opposing coaches and parents, umpires, or my own players and parents.

I will monitor my players, their parents and guests to ensure that their behavior is consistent with their respective Codes of Conduct. If they are not, I will communicate with them, in private, to resolve their issues.