

**WEST BEND LITTLE LEAGUE  
PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

In recognition of my child being selected to play on a West Bend Little League tournament team, I (we) agree to the following standards of conduct for parents listed below. I (we) understand that I (we) will be expected to abide by these standards as well as those outlined by the West Bend Little League (WBLL) itself. A "zero tolerance" rule will be in effect. Violators will be referred to the West Bend Little League Booster Board (WBLLBB) Board of Directors for disciplinary action.

**ZERO TOLERANCE: Any player, parent or coach who conducts themselves in a manner found to be detrimental to the welfare of WBLL and/or the WBLLBB and the teams it supports, may be removed from participating and/or spectating temporarily or permanently. I (We) adhere to the following:**

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not the adults.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others on the team.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league/tournament.
4. 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, umpires, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
5. My child will wear his team uniform with respect to the game and his teammates. All aspects of the uniform will be worn according to team rules and with respect to the game, teammates, coaches, umpires, officials, family/spectators attending the game. Always remember we are representing the West Bend community at each game we play.
6. I will refrain from entering the dugout except in cases of an injury to my child.
7. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, umpire, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
9. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
10. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, umpires, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
11. 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 the game or by his/her performance.
12. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
13. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game. I will emphasize skill development in practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will make sure that this takes precedence over games and competition always.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the umpires and their authority and will never openly question or confront umpires at any time before, during or after a game.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events.
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.
18. I understand that playing time is precious and earned by the child and is at the discretion of the coaching staff. I may not always agree. I agree to allow a 24 hour cooling off period following any incident, practice or completion of a tournament, prior to contacting ONLY the head coach with my concerns, questions or grievances. Further, if my concerns, questions or grievances have not been satisfactorily handled by the head coach I will direct them to the WBLLBB Board of Directors for final resolution.

19. If I choose to engage in the use of social media, I will do so as a positive outlet to promote players, teammates, teams, and others involved in WBLL baseball. Comments, posts, and photos posted on social media sites such as Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram and other on-line forums will be positive and intended to reinforce and encourage individual and team achievements.
20. I will not use social media to be critical of teammates, coaches, officials, administrators, volunteers or spectators as it can be extremely negative and harmful to individuals. I recognize that negative comments and images, bullying, criticism and sexist remarks can be dangerous and harmful to people's wellbeing and reputation and the image of WBLL and the WBLLBB and the teams it supports.
21. I will not tolerate or condone poor social media behavior or actions and if I become aware of or observe poor social media behavior or actions, I will not accept it. I will remind people of their responsibilities when using social media and warn that action can be taken against them. In the instance of minors breaching the code of conduct, I will alert their parents to the situation. If I believe a breach is serious, I will report it to team coach or the WBLLBB Board of Directors.

As a parent of a West Bend Little League baseball player, I hereby promise to abide by the parental code of conduct and ethics set forth above. My signature below indicates that I agree to follow the parental code of conduct and will accept the WBLLBB Board of Directors disciplinary decision should I break any of the above rules.

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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