

# **El Cajon Western Little League Code of Conduct**

## ***1.0 Overview:***

The El Cajon Western Little League is concerned about the safety and well being of the children participating in Little League Sports Activities. This includes both the Physical and Mental well being of each participant.

Managers, Coaches, Parents and Fans need to have a positive influence on our players and will be evaluated accordingly. All participants are expected to abide by the established Code of Conduct and to set good examples to ensure enjoyment of the league for all.

The El Cajon Western Little League Board of Directors has instituted a Code of Conduct Policy that will help enforce an acceptable Code of Conduct for all participants in El Cajon Western Little League activities.

The ECWLL Board of Directors will evaluate each reported incident to determine the appropriate recommended action to be taken.

Any Manager, Coach, Umpire, Game Official or Board Member may file a Code of Conduct Incident.

## **Reporting:**

Please submit a Code-of-Conduct infraction report by writing a letter, signing it, and submitting it to a board member to be delivered to the Code of Conduct Committee to be reviewed. Please take the time to review your report carefully before submitting.

We have setup a Code of Conduct Committee consisting of the league VP, UIC and Player Agent, to help investigate formal complaints. Every complaint is taken seriously and sometimes requires many days to investigate.

If you wish to file a formal complaint, you may write a letter as instructed above or you may fill out a formal email to the COC Committee, include COC Complaint in the subject line, and review it very carefully. It often helps to save the email to your draft folder, review it and edit it after a day of rest. It is important that hasty email complaints are not sent in anger, but only after careful review and editing when you have had a chance to calm your anger.

**You may contact: Sam Salazar ECWLL Vice President- [ssalazar73@cox.net](mailto:ssalazar73@cox.net)**

## **2.0 El Cajon Western Little League Code of Conduct:**

It is the goal of El Cajon Western Little League to provide a safe, fun and enjoyable environment for our children to play and learn the game of baseball. It should be the primary objective of every Board Member, Manager, Coach and Parent to insure that this goal is achieved and maintained in our League. In order to insure that goal the El Cajon Western Little League Board passed the following guidelines.

The board of directors of El Cajon Western Little League has mandated the following Code of Conduct. All coaches, managers, players, umpires, parents and/or guardians will read this Code of Conduct and agree to it acknowledging that he or she understands and agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct.

### **2.1. No Board Member, Manager, Coach, Player or Spectator shall:**

- At any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike an official.
- Use verbal or physical abuse upon any official, for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision or judgment or for any other reason.
- Be guilty of an objectionable demonstration of dissent at an official's decision by throwing of gloves, helmets, hats, bats, balls, or any other forceful unsportsmanlike-like action.
- Use unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game against the body of an opposing player.
- Physically attack any board member, official, manager, coach, player or spectator.
- Use profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner at any time.
- Appear on the field of play, stands, or anywhere on the ECWLL complex while in an intoxicated state at any time. Intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue.
- Gamble on any play or outcome of any game with anyone at any time.
- Smoke or use any tobacco products anywhere on ECWLL property.
- Consume alcohol / drugs during a game or anywhere on ECWLL property.
- Discuss publicly with spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner any play, decision or a personal opinion on any players during the game.
- Distract attention of the team managers or coaches during the course of a game and similarly no manager or coach shall mingle with or fraternize with spectators and become distracted during the course of the game.
- Speak disrespectfully to any manager, coach, official or representative of the league.
- Tamper or manipulate any league rosters, schedules, draft positions or selections, official score books, rankings, financial records or procedures.

- Challenge an umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including removal from the game.

**2.2:** Any inappropriate behavior by a Spectator, Player, Coach or Manager may be cause for the suspension of a game by the Plate Umpire. Game suspension may continue until such time as the Person or persons leaves the park.

**2.3:** Inappropriate behavior by an umpire or game official can be reported to the Umpire in Chief directly via the ECWLL web site: [www.ecwll.com](http://www.ecwll.com) - Umpires Corner/Umpire Incident Report.

**2.4:** The ECWLL C.O.C. Executive Committee, (C.O.C.E.C.) will review all infractions of the Code of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the C.O.C.E.C. may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league and make this report to the Board of directors for approval. The Board of Directors not the C.O.C.E.C can only approve serious disciplinary action.

**2.5:** It is the responsibility of each umpire and official scorekeeper to log warnings and ejections. It is the responsibility of the Umpire in Chief to present all warnings and ejections to the board.

I have read the El Cajon Western Little League Code of Conduct and promise to adhere to its rules and regulations.

**Parent:**

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team name/division: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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