

Greater Richland Little League Code of Conduct for Managers and Coaches

Greater Richland Little League (GRL) was created with the intention of creating a wholesome environment for youth baseball. In addition, GRL will try to instill good sportsmanship and citizenship and a sense of responsibility in the youth of the League. Accordingly, as a manager or coach, your conduct should set an example for players and spectators. GRL expects all volunteers to exhibit behavior that exemplifies and promotes that for which Little League stands. The following items are expected of coaches and managers when at practice or at the Little League Fields.

1. No cursing or abusive language.
2. The use of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages is prohibited before or during practices and games.
3. No use of tobacco during practices, games, or on Little League property.
4. Coaches & managers will not use physical or verbal abuse against any child, parent, umpire or opposing manager or coach.
5. A positive attitude will be exhibited toward players, other coaches and managers, parents, umpires, spectators, and league officials.
6. "Put downs" of players is not acceptable. Under no circumstances will a player be made fun or downgraded either by a manager, coach, spectator, opponent, or fellow player. Positive aspects should be accentuated.
7. Managers and coaches will be advised of meetings as they are scheduled. Failure to attend these meetings does not excuse managers and coaches from lack of knowledge of what was discussed at these meetings. It is the responsibility of the managers and coaches to contact a board member to find out what took place.
8. GRL uses junior high and high school age "kids" to umpire the majority of the games. The managers and coaches are the adults on the field. Coaches and managers will not argue out loud, heckle, or show disrespect for umpires. A team manager may request "time" from an umpire and then may approach the umpire to discuss a rule or a non-judgment call. The discussion is to remain civil and respectful at all times.
9. If a manager or coach is requested to leave the field by an umpire or one of the board members or field representatives on duty, he/she will immediately leave the premises without incident.

Violation of any of the above may result in discipline from GRL which, depending on severity, could result in suspension(s) or termination of the position. All discipline will be handled by GRL's Discipline Committee.

Parents, family and friends are encouraged to support their team. Loud or derogatory remarks against players, managers, coaches, umpires, or league officials will not be tolerated. On rare occasions, managers or coaches may be asked to quiet down fans on their side of the field.

Thank you,
2020 Greater Richland Little League

Printed Name: _____ **Team Name:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____