Reedsburg Little League (RLL)

Sports Code of Conduct

For Parents, Coaches, Guardians and Players

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. Therefore, it is essential for parents, coaches, spectators and officials to encourage youth athletes and embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents, guardians, family members, coaches, spectators and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

The RLL Sports Code of Conduct has been developed for the purpose of encouraging and requiring trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness and good citizenship for all individuals involved in RLL Programs.

For you and your child to participate in RLL programs, you and your child must read, sign, and agree with the RLL Sports Code of Conduct Rules. If you choose not to sign the form, herby agreeing to this document, your child can not participate in RLL programs.

(Check appropriate boxes as applicable)

☐ As a **PLAYER**, I understand and must abide by the following rules:

1. Respect the game, play fairly and follow its rules and regulations.
2. Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after games.
4. Help parents and fans understand the league philosophy so they can watch and enjoy the game.
5. Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players and coaches with respect.
6. Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
7. Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities.
8. Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.
9. Negative tweets, or any use of social media to negatively impact or describe the league or the players will be grounds for suspension from the league.

☐ As a **PARENT/GUARDIAN**, I understand and must abide by the following rules:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games and practices.
2. I will place the well being of my child before a personal desire to win.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
4. I will not engage in the use of profanity or any other kind of offensive language.
5. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player participant, official or any other attendee.
6. Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities.
7. Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.

☐ As a **COACH or VOLUNTEER**, I understand and must abide by the following rules:

1. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children, not adults.
2. I will place the emotional, mental, and physical well-being of all participants ahead of my personal desire to win.
3. I understand that my approval to coach is based upon the results of my background screening.
4. I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering that each child develops (emotionally and physically) at his/her own rate.

5. I will attend the seasonal coaches meeting for each team that I am coaching.
6. I will not publicly question or criticize an official's judgment and will encourage parents and players to do the same.
7. I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries of participants in my care.
8. I will use appropriate coaching techniques and organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
9. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
10. I understand that the use of alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are prohibited at all youth sports events. I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
11. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to all my players.
12. I will abide by the established policies, rules and regulations, putting first the safety and well being of all who participate.
13. I will not use social media or any other means of communication in a negative manner regarding anyone, including but not limited to players, parents, other coaches, the or league.

As a Reedsburg Little League Volunteer, I acknowledge and agree to the established Sports Code of Conduct, and understand that volunteering is a privilege and not a right. I understand that the RLL Board of Directors has the right to remove a volunteer if any behavior or conduct is deemed inappropriate. A violation of the Code of Conduct shall be just cause for my removal as a volunteer.

By signing this form, I/we acknowledge and agree to comply with the conduct outlined above and understand that any violation may result in my and/or my child's removal from participation in RLL-sanctioned activities.

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Player Signature	Date	Name Printed
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Parent/Guardian #1 Signature	Date	Name Printed
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Parent/Guardian #2 Signature	Date	Name Printed