

## **Coaches Code of Conduct**

The relationship between a coach and the League's players is a special one. Coaches play a very critical role in the development of players, both athletically and personally. Coaches must recognize and respect the authority they hold, and must be very careful not to abuse it. The values and goals of the Little League program are channeled through the coaches. Therefore, how a player regards their time in Little League is dependent upon the behaviour of the coach.

As a coach in Dundas Little League, I agree to the following:

- I will be reasonable in my expectation of my players since players develop at different rates.
- I will teach my players to play by the rules, just as I will play by the rules.
- I will be constructive in my criticisms, preceding or following them by praise for things done right.
- I will give every player the same chance. Little League is not about the elite player, it's about getting everyone involved as a part of a team.
- I will treat the umpires the way I expect my players to treat me.
- I will strive to win but not at all costs which can come at the expense of my players not getting enough different opportunities. Everyone should play both infield and outfield.
- I will use my voice wisely when the game is on to encourage my players, and discuss the mistakes quietly afterwards.
- I will treat the league's facilities and equipment with care and I will leave the park and dugouts in the same or better condition as when I arrived.
- I will adhere to all public laws in regards to alcohol, tobacco, vaping, and recreational drugs. This
  includes the absence of public consumption, distribution and intoxication, at all field events.
- I am a volunteer coach, in a volunteer organization, and I will have fun because if it isn't fun, it isn't Little League.