

SPLL PARENTS & PLAYERS – CODE OF CONDUCT

PHILOSOPHY: The Sun Prairie Little League is a private non-profit organization that emphasizes the development of basic baseball & softball skills and the promotion of baseball and softball as an enjoyable recreational activity as well as competition. Its philosophy is to emphasize individual participation by providing relatively equal attention to players during practices and relatively equal playing time in scheduled games, except when an individual member does not participate in scheduled practice sessions, demonstrates attitudes or conduct not conducive to good team morale, displays unsafe or dangerous conduct and/or is being disciplined by the coach. Players, coaches and parents are expected to interact with each other in a positive manner so that the baseball experience remains a pleasant activity for all participants.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS WILL:

1. Set an example and conduct myself in a way that reflects positively on the players, League and other parents.
2. Encourage my player in a positive manner and emphasize the importance of achieving common goals through teamwork and will not confuse players by making demands that oppose the coaches' orders and instructions. Follow team rules regarding arrival times, attendance, etc.
3. Refrain from criticism of umpire decisions. This is an educational experience for the umpires as well as for the players.
4. Recognize that virtually all people active in the League are unpaid volunteers. I will support the baseball/softball program and become involved to whatever extent I am able.

PLAYERS WILL:

1. Conduct themselves in a way that reflects positively upon my parent/guardian(s), friends, teammates, coaches, the League, their community, and themselves. Swearing, nasty language and disrespectful conduct has no place in SPLL activities.
2. Abide by team rules, follow the directions of coaches and umpires promptly and without complaint and accept their decisions without verbal criticism or gestures that imply criticism.
3. Attend all games and practices. If unable to attend, will inform the coach at least one day ahead. I will practice hard, play hard and graciously accept the outcome.

SPLL POLICY ON DISCIPLINARY ACTION: The necessity for discipline is unquestioned in the sport of baseball & softball. To achieve that end, the SPLL Board of Directors adopts the following discipline for all participants in SPLL.

TEAM RULES:

1. Attendance at individual practices and individual games is optional – however, coaches have the right to determine playing time in proportion to absence.
2. Wear provided team jersey and hats at games.
3. Acceptable conduct during all team functions, including the use of appropriate language, respecting all participants in the sport of baseball and softball, and following Player's Code of Conduct at all times.

The coach should equitably enforce these rules, without regard for possible impact on the outcome of any game or the importance of any game or tournament. The coach shall use sound judgment in disciplining the violator of the TEAM RULES or CODE OF CONDUCT.

The Coach shall have the option to refer the matter to the League President or the League President designate (usually the League Director or Executive Committee Member), usually within 24 hours of the incident. The League President or designated board member shall immediately investigate all reported rule violations, and if found to have merit, shall notify the Executive Committee.

If the League President refers the matter to the Executive Committee, a disciplinary action hearing will be held with the Executive Committee, Team Coaches and the Player or Parent. A Player or Parent can be expelled from SPLL by vote of the Executive Committee or by the full board. Players who are expelled from SPLL shall receive a 50% refund if in the first half of the season, players expelled after the middle of the season shall receive no refund. Expulsion of parent requires that the parent not be present during games at the Youth Baseball Complex and team practices off-site. The Executive Committee shall have the option when expelling a parent to include the player.