

HMBLL Player Code of Conduct

2012 Season

The following Code of Conduct applies to all Players immediately before, at any time during, or immediately following any HMBLL practice, game, meeting, function or event.

1. I agree to never lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike or threaten to strike any of the Players, Coaches, Spectators or League Officials.
2. I agree to never direct personal, verbal or physical abuse against any of the Players, Coaches, Spectators or League Officials.
3. I agree to never encourage team members with abusive or derogatory comments about their opponents.
4. I agree to never display verbal or physical displeasure at anything that happens during practice or a game (player mistakes or fumbles, umpire's or league official's calls, who won, who lost) in front of any players, parents or spectators.
5. I agree to never throw gloves, helmets, hats, bats, or balls in a forceful unsportsmanlike manner.
6. I agree to never use rough tactics during practice or a game in an unsportsmanlike manner.
7. I agree to never use profane, obscene, or vulgar language or hand gestures against or about any of the Players, Coaches, Spectators or League Officials.
8. I agree to never engage in any unsportsmanlike behavior such as (but not limited to) taunting, booing, or refusing to shake the opposing players hands in any practices or games, with any officials, coaches, spectators, or other players.
9. I agree to never engage in bullying any of my teammates or players on other teams.

My signature verifies that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by and agree to the consequences of the Half Moon Bay Little League guidelines on the Player Code of Conduct.

Player's Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HMBLL Parent Code of Conduct

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The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

My signature verifies that I have read, understand and agree to abide by and agree to the consequences of the Half Moon Bay Little League guidelines on the Parent Code of Conduct. I have also read and discussed with my child participant the Player Code of Conduct and will do my best to positively encourage my child to abide by its contents.

Parent's or Legal
Guardian's Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

HMBLL Volunteer Code of Conduct

2012 Season

The following Code of Conduct applies to all Board Members, Managers, Coaches, or other Volunteers immediately before, at any time during, or immediately following any HMBLL practice, game, meeting, function or event.

1. I agree to never lay a hand upon, push, strike, or threaten any Official, Umpire, Coach, Manager, Player or Spectator with physical harm.
2. I agree to never be guilty of personal verbal or physical abuse upon any Umpire for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision or judgment.
3. I agree to never be guilty of an objectionable demonstration of dissent at an Umpires decision by the throwing of gloves, helmets, hats, bats, balls, or any other physical object in a forceful, unsportsmanlike action.
4. I agree to never be guilty of using rough tactics in the play of a game against the body of any player.
5. I agree to never be guilty of the use of profane, obscene, or vulgar language or any other type of unsportsmanlike behavior.
6. I agree to never appear on the field of play, stands, or baseball facilities in an intoxicated state, nor use any form of tobacco products in the presence of Players.
7. I agree to never be guilty of tapering or manipulating any league schedules, rosters, draft positions, Player selections, official score books, rankings, financial records, or official procedures.
8. I agree to never be guilty of publicly discussing with spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner any play, decision, or personal opinion of any Players, Coaches, Managers, Umpires, or League Officials during a game.

My signature verifies that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by and agree to the consequences of the Half Moon Bay Little League guidelines on the Volunteer Code of Conduct.

Volunteer's Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Policy for Enforcement of the Code of Conduct

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Following is the procedure that shall be used for the resolution of alleged violations of the Half Moon Bay Little League Codes of Conduct. This procedure is applicable to all members of Half Moon Bay Little League including (but not limited to) members of the Board of Directors, Coaches, Managers, Umpires, Players, Parents, and their guests.

1. The Code of Conduct Committee shall be comprised of the President of the Board of Directors, the Umpire-in-Chief, and the Player Agent of the respective division in which the alleged violation occurred.
2. Alleged violations of the Half Moon Bay Little League Code of Conduct shall be documented in writing and delivered to a representative of the League within 24 hours of the offense. This does not give amnesty to alleged violations that occur and are not reported within the 24-hour time frame nor documented in writing. All alleged violations will be taken seriously and resolution will take place.
3. Player violations of the Code of Conduct shall be resolved by the team manager whenever possible. If an issue cannot be resolved, it shall be forwarded to the Player Agent of the division for appropriate action.
4. The Player Agent of the respective division in which an alleged offense shall review the matter and attempt to resolve it.
5. If the Player Agent cannot resolve the problem, it shall be referred to the Code of Conduct Committee for resolution.
6. Should the Code of Conduct Committee review the matter and find the charge warranted, the following action will be taken:

1st offense - Automatic ejection from game and suspension for a minimum of one game.

2nd offense - Automatic ejection from game and suspension for a portion of, or the duration of, the rest of the current season. Should a Manager, Coach, or Player be suspended for any portion of the season, the Board of Directors has the option to ban said Manager, Coach, or Player from all Post Season All-Star Play.

3rd offense - Ineligible to return to Half Moon Bay Little League.

7. Should a person be ejected for any part of the season, he or she may not be present at any Half Moon Bay Little League activity during the course of the suspension. This includes practices and ballgames for a team on which he or she participates or on which his or her child participates.
8. A person may appeal the decision of the manager, Player Agent, or Committee by documenting the appeal in writing and delivering it to the Code of Conduct Committee for review.