

2012 UCLL Code of Conduct

Mission Statement: To provide a safe and fun environment in which children and adults will develop and support teamwork, sportsmanship, baseball skills, self-esteem and respect for each other and our community.

Child / Parent / Coach Code of Conduct

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**."

We therefore agree:

1. Parents/guardians will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. Parents/guardians/children will learn the rules of the game and the policies of UCLL, including the ground rules, the draft, scoring, fundraising obligations, volunteer hours, uniform responsibility, post season obligations if applicable, and playoffs.
3. Parents/guardians/guests/managers/coaches will be positive role models for all children and will encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or event.
4. Parents/guardians will teach their child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence, and that unsportsmanlike conduct (booing, taunting, profane or derogatory language or gestures, not shaking hands, etc.) will not be tolerated.
5. Parents/guardians will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the safety, health and well-being of the athletes, which includes throwing bats, helmets, etc. Disciplinary action may be taken for such behavior.
6. Parents/guardians/managers/coaches will teach the children that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that a child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
7. Parents/guardians will be responsible for getting their child to and from practices and games on time and properly dressed and equipped.
8. Parents/guardians/managers/coaches will never ridicule or yell at any child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
9. Parents/guardians/managers/coaches/children will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, use derogatory language, or confront coaches or officials at the game field.
10. Parents/guardians will demand a sports environment for children that is free from drugs, tobacco (Health and Safety Code Section 104495), alcohol and profanity, and will refrain from their use at all sports events.
11. Parents/guardians will not force their child to participate and will inform the manager and/or coach of any physical, mental, or emotional disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child or the safety of others.
12. Children will respect teammates, opponents, coaches and officials; and will win or lose as a team.
13. Managers/coaches will respect the officials regardless of age and knowledge. UCLL will strive to provide professional officials for upper age groups and well-informed and capable umpires for lower age groups.
14. Parents/guardians/spectators will refrain from coaching any child during practices and games unless asked to act as a coach in an official position.
15. Parents/guardians/managers/coaches will emphasize skill development and teamwork and de-emphasize competition, especially in the lower age groups.

This contract must be signed and returned to UCLL with registration. By signing, dating and returning this document, you are stating that you, and anyone else in your household, have read, understand and agree to comply with the above contents. Any persons whom the Board of Directors deems not in compliance at any time with the contents, will be subject to discipline actions by the Board of Directors.

Player _____ Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____