

# ONEONTA LITTLE LEAGUE

## CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the desire of the Oneonta Little League Board of Directors, for players, parents, managers, coaches, umpires and other spectators to be able to enjoy the sport of baseball in a safe, smoke free and positive environment. To this end, the following policy is adopted to establish guidelines as to what actions constitute unacceptable behavior and the recommended consequences of such actions.

**I - Scope:** This policy pertains to actions taken by players, managers, coaches, parents, and other spectators before, during, and after a game, practice or team event. The punishments recommended here are to be considered guidelines that the Oneonta Little League Board of Directors may choose to follow. If the Oneonta Little League Board of Directors implements a termination or suspension of a manager, coach, parent, or other spectator or invokes a period of probation, those so penalized shall lose the privilege of participating in any Oneonta Little League activities or serving Oneonta Little League in any official capacity during their period of termination, suspension or probation.

**II - Procedure:** Any player, manager, coach, parent, umpire or other spectators may bring a complaint against another party. The complaint shall be in writing and shall be directed to the President of the Oneonta Little League who shall instruct the appropriate vice president to investigate the occurrences and bring the findings before the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

The President may choose at his or her discretion to call a meeting of the Board in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting, to review and act upon a complaint. This meeting date and time are at the discretion of the President and are closed to the public.

### **III - Specific Infractions:**

#### **A. Manager or Coach:**

1. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision, either by raising his/her voice, gesturing or otherwise clearly demonstrating dissent:
  - First offense: Written warning from the President or Vice President.
  - Second offense: A suspension for the next scheduled game.
  - Third offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.
2. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision by initiating physical contact with the umpire, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking in any way, or by direct foul language toward the umpire:

**Note #1: Any physical contact is a violation in the New York State penal code and can result in prosecution.**

No physical contact with an umpire will be tolerated.

- First offense: Immediate suspension for remainder of season.
3. Confronting adults in a physical manner by initiating physical contact, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking in any way, or by direct foul language to other adults, from the opposing team or his/her own team:

**Note #2: Any unwanted physical touching, such as bumping or pushing, is considered battery, which can result in a six months prison term and/or a \$1,000 fine.**

- First offense: Immediate suspension for remainder of season.
4. Striking or attempting to strike a player, either on his/her team or an opponent.
- First offense: Permanent termination.
5. Manager must provide name of player or coach to umpire if requested.
- Refusal will result in manager serving a one (1) game suspension.

### **B. Parents and other spectators:**

1. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision, either by raising his/her voice, gesturing or otherwise clearly demonstrating dissent, or vocally harassing a player on the field or encouraging the willful injury of another player:
- First offense: Counseling by a Board Member.
  - Second offense: Parents suspended from attending child's games for remainder of season.
  - Third offense: Parent permanently suspended from attending child's games.
2. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision by initiating physical contact with an umpire, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking any way, or by directing foul language toward an umpire: **See Note #1 above.**
- First offense: Parents suspended from attending child's games for one-year, suspension for one-year, on probation for two more years.
3. Confronting any adults attending a game, practice, or team event in a physical manner (as in item A-3 above, including the use of foul language): **See Note #2 above.**
- First offense: Parents suspended from attending child's games for one-year.
  - Second offense: Permanent suspension of player and parent from Oneonta Little League.
4. Striking or attempting to strike player, either on his/her own team or an opponent:
- First offense: Permanent expulsion of parent from Oneonta Little League.
  - **Note #3: If parents fail to honor their suspension from their children's games, their child will lose their playing privileges.**

### **C. Players**

1. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision, either by raising his/her voice, gesturing or otherwise clearly demonstrating dissent, or vocally harassing a player on the field or encouraging the willful injury of another player:

- First offense: Counseling by a Manager or Coach.
- Second offense: Player suspended from next game.
- Third offense: Player suspended from remainder of season.

2. Aggressively challenging an umpire's decision by initiating physical contact with an umpire, to include bumping, pushing, shoving or striking any way, or by directing foul language toward an umpire. **See Note #1 above.**

- First offense: Immediate suspension for remainder of season.

3. Confronting any adults or other spectators attending a game, practice, or team event in a physical manner (as in item A-3 above, including the use of foul language): **See Note #2 above.**

- First offense: Counseling by a Manager or Coach.
- Second offense: Player suspended from next game.
- Third offense: Player suspended from remainder of season.

4. Striking or attempting to strike player with malicious intent, either on his/her own team or an opponent:

- First offense: Counseling by a Manager or Coach.
- Second offense: Player suspended from next game.
- Third offense: Player suspended from remainder of season.

5. Misuse of equipment (for example: throwing helmets or bats).

- First offense: Counseling by a Manager or Coach.
- Second offense: Player suspended from next game.
- Third offense: Player suspended from remainder of season.

6. Poor Sportsmanship:

- First offense: Counseling by a Manager or Coach
- Second offense: Player suspended from next game.
- Third offense: Player suspended from remainder of season.

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By signing this Code of Conduct I agree to abide by the above listed policies of the Oneonta Little League for the entire season beginning with the first practice. This agreement will be in effect for the current season only. Refusing to sign this document will preclude participation.

Player's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_