

# **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR DISTRICT 8 LITTLE LEAGUE UMPIRES**

The Executive Staff of District 8 Little League has mandated the following Code of Conduct for all Umpires participating in the District 8 Program. The Umpire will sign this form to acknowledge that he/she understands this Code of Conduct and agrees to comply with it.

1. Umpires shall be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of baseball competitions.
2. Umpires shall hold and maintain the basic tenets of officiating which include history, integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion and tactfulness.
3. Umpires shall master both rules of the game and mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
4. Umpires shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with
5. athletes, coaches, and the public.
6. Umpires shall display and execute superior communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
7. Umpires shall recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with a team that can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.
8. Umpires shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally; shall dress neatly and appropriately to, during and from a contest; and shall maintain themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
9. Umpires shall work with fellow officials in a spirit of harmony and cooperation in spite of differences of opinion that may arise during debate of points or rules at issue.
10. Umpires shall not smoke or use any form of tobacco on or in the vicinity of the playing area, nor drink any alcoholic beverages or use any drugs on the day of the contest.
11. Umpires shall not; when observing a game, publicly criticize or demean other officials as they officiate a baseball contest.
12. Umpires shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations.
13. Umpires shall resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an official to benefit oneself.
14. Umpires shall accept responsibility for all actions taken.
15. At no time, lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike and/or threaten a Coach, Player or Spectator.
16. At no time, be guilty of any verbal abuse, either directly or indirectly, toward any Coach, Player or Spectator, or at any time, use profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner.
17. Display impatience or be perceived as aggressive, confrontational, hot-headed or short-tempered.
18. Create unnecessary friction or be responsible for having escalated a situation.

**Any violations of this Code of Conduct could require the umpire to appear before the Executive Board. Any violation could also result in expulsion from the program, if deemed necessary by the Executive Board.**

I have read the District 8 Code of Conduct and I agree to adhere to it:

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Print Umpire Name

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Signature of Umpire

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Date