

# TCLL Umpire Code of Conduct

## 1. Professionalism & Sportsmanship

- I will act with integrity, maturity, and professionalism at all times.
- I will treat players, managers, coaches, spectators, and fellow umpires with respect.
- I will model positive sportsmanship and serve as a role model for youth.
- I will remain calm, composed, and respectful, regardless of game circumstances.
- I will not use profanity, sarcasm, or demeaning language.

## 2. Fairness & Impartiality

- I will officiate games impartially and without favoritism.
- I will base all decisions solely on the rules and my judgment of the play.
- I will not allow personal relationships or emotions to influence my calls.

## 3. Knowledge & Application of Rules

- I will make a good-faith effort to know and apply the rules.
- I will seek guidance when uncertain and apply rules consistently.
- I will accept instruction, mentoring, and feedback to improve my performance.

## 4. Communication & Game Management

- I will communicate clearly, calmly, and respectfully with managers and fellow umpires.
- I will address questions or concerns in accordance with TCLL procedures.
- I will not engage in arguments.
- I will manage the game to promote safety, fairness, and sportsmanship.

## 5. Safety & Youth Protection

- I understand that player safety is my highest priority.
- I will enforce all safety-related rules, including equipment and field safety requirements.
- I will immediately report safety concerns or inappropriate conduct to league leadership.

## 6. Appearance & Preparedness

- I will arrive on time for all assigned games.
- I will wear the required or approved umpire uniform or attire.
- I will be properly equipped to officiate my assigned position.

- I will be physically and mentally prepared to umpire each game, and follow all pre-game protocols.

## 7. Conduct Outside the Game

- I will not publicly criticize players, managers, coaches, or fellow umpires.
- I will not discuss judgment calls or game situations on social media or public forums.
- I will avoid confrontations with spectators before, during, or after games.
- I understand my off-field behavior reflects on the league and the Little League program.

## 8. Accountability & Continuous Improvement

- I accept responsibility for my actions and decisions.
- I understand that mistakes may occur and will strive to learn from them.
- I will cooperate with league mentors and the Umpire-in-Chief.
- I will work to continuously improve my skills, knowledge, and conduct.

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## Acknowledgment & Signatures

I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Little League Umpire Code of Conduct.

I understand that compliance is a condition of my participation as a Tri City Little League umpire and that failure to comply with this Code of Conduct and all Little League International and local league policies **will affect my ability to umpire games.**

**Umpire Name (Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Umpire Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_