## SOUTH SHORE LITTLE LEAGUE PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are found in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

<u>Trustworthiness</u>, <u>Respect</u>, <u>Responsibility</u>, <u>Fairness</u>, <u>Caring and Good Citizenship</u>.

Therefore -

We will not force our children to participate in sports.

We will remember that children participate to have fun and the game is for the child, not the adult.

We will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the League.

We, and our guests, will be positive role models for our children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect & courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, staff, officials & spectators at every game & practice.

We, and our guests, will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any league official, team manager or parent by booing or taunting, using inappropriate language or gestures, or refusing to shake hands.

We will teach our children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

We will demand that our children treat other players, the team staff, league officials & spectators with respect, regardless of ability, gender, race, religion or national origin.

We will never ridicule or yell at our children, or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.

We will respect the officials and their authority during games, and will never question, discuss or confront them at the game field, and agree to speak with league officials at a time & place more appropriate.

We will refrain from coaching our children or other players during games & practices, unless we are the manager or one of the coaches.

We will praise all team members for competing fairly and trying hard, and make every child feel like a winner every time.

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