



Hillsborough Little League Umpire Code of Conduct

My mission is to provide a safe, impartial, and respectful environment so that teams can play fair and strive to win.

I will do this by maintaining games in accordance with little league rules, making unbiased calls after closely observing plays, and by stopping play until all hazards, distractions, and disrespectful behavior have been removed from the game.

I will...	By following these guidelines...
<p>Be Impartial and Stay Positive</p>	<p>When I wear the umpire uniform, I will act as an impartial official and never disrespect my role.</p> <p>I will respect the game of baseball and the heritage of the umpires before me.</p> <p>I will remain unbiased and never make calls intended to influence an outcome.</p> <p>I understand that teams are giving it their all and managers will passionately support their teams.</p> <p>I will maintain a positive, professional relationship with the team managers.</p> <p>I will be respectful in all discussions with managers, coaches, players and fans.</p>
<p>Be Accountable and Stay in Control</p>	<p>I am accountable for my actions and I will remain in control at all times.</p> <p>I will handle conflicts firmly and with dignity.</p> <p>I will never allow myself to engage in arguments and I will not make calls in anger</p> <p>I will run the game in accordance with LL and local rules.</p> <p>I will never use electronic devices or bring distractions during a game.</p> <p>If I feel conditions present a safety hazard I will suspend or end the game as needed.</p>
<p>Maintain Respect and Ensure Safety</p>	<p>I will not tolerate disrespect to myself, another official or any team member.</p> <p>I will not tolerate demeaning behavior toward any player by either team or fans.</p> <p>I will provide managers with tools to help them enforce the player contract.</p> <p>I will identify and remove all safety hazards.</p> <p>I will provide clear warnings to mitigate behavior in violation of the player contract.</p> <p>I will strive to never remove player or coaches, but I will take these actions if required.</p>
<p>Make the call and Work as a team</p>	<p>I will make clear, decisive calls.</p> <p>I will provide a respectful, fair environment for a manager to discuss calls.</p> <p>I will make a clear ruling, and help teams move to the next play.</p> <p>I will work as a team with my other Umpires.</p> <p>I will not show displays of disapproval toward calls made by the other Umpires.</p> <p>I will not allow a coach, player, fan, or bystander to influence or discuss a call.</p>