



**2011**

**PARENT  
INFORMATION  
HANDBOOK**

**EAST YORBA LINDA LITTLE LEAGUE  
P.O. Box 644  
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## East Yorba Linda Little League 2009 – 2011 Parent Handbook

### The Little League Pledge

*I trust in God  
I love my country  
And will respect its laws  
I will play fair  
And strive to win  
But win or lose  
I will always do my best*

### The Little League Parent/Volunteer Pledge

*I will teach all children to play fair and do their best  
I will positively support all managers, coaches and players  
I will respect the decisions of the umpires  
I will praise a good effort despite the outcome of the game*

### Why Be a Volunteer?

*It's not for the money  
It's not for the fame  
It's not for any personal gain  
It's just for the love of a fellow man,  
It's just to lend a helping hand.  
It's that reward down in your heart  
It's feeling you have been a part  
Of helping others far and near,  
That makes you a VOLUNTEER.  
Author Unknown*

## **WELCOME**

Welcome to East Yorba Linda Little League! Through Little League, your child will learn how to play baseball and will experience the camaraderie of belonging to a team. All parents are encouraged to be involved in Little League, working together to help our children develop new skills and lifelong lessons. For new parents and as a refresher for returning parents, Little League has an excellent orientation available at <http://www.littleleague.org/programs/parentorientation/index.htm>.

All divisions from T-Ball through Majors will play their games at Travis Ranch Park. The Junior and Senior Divisions will play at Eastside Sports Complex, Valley View Park, Bryant Ranch School, or other alliance home fields. Much of the maintenance of the Travis Ranch Park fields and many of our practice sites is provided by the City of Yorba Linda or the School District on an annual basis. EYLLL is responsible for preparing the fields at Travis Ranch Park and Eastside Sports Complex for the season and maintaining them throughout.

During the season, we can all assure our children a safe and high quality facility by assisting in the maintenance. Please take pride in our fields and teach your children to do the same. Make a point of cleaning up trash that detracts from the beauty of our facilities and help the managers and coaches with post and pre-game field maintenance. For more information contact the Field Manager.

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this handbook is to familiarize players and parents with the operation and organization of the East Yorba Linda Little League (EYLLL). You are encouraged to use this handbook as a reference throughout the season for many of your questions. If you desire additional information, however, please do not hesitate to contact your Team Manager, Player Agent, or League President. Most issues should be handled in this order.

## **EAST YORBA LINDA LITTLE LEAGUE FACTS**

EYLLL is a non-profit organization that is chartered by the National Little League organization out of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. Little League's official web site address is [www.littleleague.org](http://www.littleleague.org). District 56 is our local Little League organization overseeing the leagues in our area. EYLLL's official website is [www.eylll.com](http://www.eylll.com). Please visit the web site often for important information, schedules, standings, news and notes from the league.

## **Participation**

Approximately 530 Yorba Linda area youth, ages 5 to 18, will participate in the program during the 2009 season. The entire program is supervised and administered by adult volunteers.

## **Operating Budget**

The operating budget for EYLLL is approximately \$123,500. The funds needed to operate the program come from player registration fees, sponsor contributions, concession sales, and fund raising. The entire program is organized through adult volunteers.

## **League Boundaries**

Three Little Leagues exist in Yorba Linda, EYLLL, West Yorba, and Yorba Hills. District 56 and the three League Presidents establish league boundaries. This allows youths within the same geographic area to play in one league and to equalize the number of players in each league. Therefore, it is required that each player register in the league that serves the area of their permanent and legal residence. Legal residence is the address that the player's legal

guardian resides. All players are required to show proof of residency each year at registration to verify their address is within league boundaries.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

The league needs parents and guardians to step up to the plate and donate some of their time. Everyone must volunteer in some form during the season in one of the following roles: manager, coach, scorekeeper, team parent, snack shack duty, opening day, field day, field preparation (before or after games), etc. With everyone's dedication to the children, we will maintain a high-quality Little League program. The EYLLL Auxiliary Booster Club was established in 1992 to coordinate all league fundraisers and volunteers. It is responsible for Sponsorships, Cal State Fullerton Titans Night, team pictures, Opening Day, Field Day, etc., and is also the organizing group for team parents. Please call any Board member and get involved. As part of the Little League Child Protection Program, EYLLL conducts checks on all Board Members, Managers, Coaches and any others with regular service/repetitive access to the children.

## **2009-2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

For a complete listing of the EYLLL Board of Directors, please visit our website at [www.eylll.com](http://www.eylll.com).

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Please refer to the EYLLL website [www.eylll.com](http://www.eylll.com) for a complete monthly calendar listing of all important dates to remember.

## **DIVISIONS/LEAGUE AGE/TEAM FORMATION**

The division each player plays in is determined by the age of the player on April 30<sup>th</sup> for the 2009 season. For example, if your child turns 9 in April of 2009 they are league age 9 for the 2009 season. All players must play on their assigned team and in their assigned division. Exceptions can be discussed with your Player Agent. Parents, managers or coaches may not assign, trade or add players without the consent of the League President or Player Agent. It is the responsibility of the Player Agent to register all players, conduct tryouts, draft players and team formation. The Player Agent is also the "Agent for the Players" observing managers and coaches in their handling of children. Players are placed in divisions according to league age and ability. The Player Agent may call a player up from the AA and AAA divisions to fill slots in AAA and Majors in the event a team loses a player.

### **Divisions:**

T-Ball Division	For players 5 and 6 years old
Coach Pitch Division	For players 7 years old and returning 6 years old
A Division	For players 8 years old
AA Division	For players 9-11 years old
AAA Division	For players 9-12 years old
Majors Division	For players 10-12 years old
Junior League Division	For players 13 and 14 years old
Senior League Division	For players 15 and 16 years old
Big League Division	For players 17 and 18 years old

T-Ball and Coach Pitch teams are formed geographically by the Instructional Player Agent. Reasonable attempts are made to form teams with players from the same school boundaries. Single A Division teams are formed in a blind draft by the managers. Once a player becomes 9 years old, they must attend tryouts and be placed in the draft pool. A 9-year-old player is eligible to play in the A, AA, or AAA Divisions depending on their basic baseball skills. Player placements in the AA through Senior Divisions are determined by the draft system.

*Important Notice:* Parents of a 10-year-old player may request that their child not be drafted to a Majors Division team, and parents of a 9-year-old player may request that their child not

be drafted to an AAA Division team. The request must be *in writing prior to the draft* and will remain in effect for the remainder of the season. No exceptions.

## **Tryouts and Draft**

After registration, the first event in which players age 9 and up participate in is the league tryouts. The purpose of the tryouts is for players to display their skills in fielding, throwing and hitting in front of the team managers. Each player will catch and throw balls from the outfield position to second base, field grounders and throw balls to first base, and bat and run the bases. This is not a contest. Players are not selected on how many balls they catch or how many balls they hit. They are looked at for basic skills. *Hint: Attitude and hustle means a lot.*

Tryouts are mandatory for every player ages 9 and up. Tryouts assist the managers in establishing an equal distribution of talent during the draft. All players are required to wear cleats and a cup, and bring their own baseball glove to tryouts. Players will be assigned their tryout time during registration. Please see the calendar for tryout dates and places.

All eligible players ages 9-12 are automatically placed in the "Draft Pool." Only the names and ages are listed. In rotating order, from the highest league level down to the AA Division, names are selected and players are placed on the specific team's roster. This rotation process continues until ALL players have been selected to a team. Any player ages 9-12 who does not attend a tryout session will not be eligible for selection by a manager at the draft (player will be placed in a blind draft) and players ages 10-12 will not be eligible for a Major team at draft.

Parents may request, at registration, that brothers/sisters play on the same team. When either brother or sister is drafted, the manager will exercise the option to take the brother/sister on the next draft turn.

Age CAN become a factor in this process if brothers/sisters fall into divisions that are too far apart in age group and skill level. The Player Agent will make recommendations at registration when this situation occurs. The welfare of the children comes first when handling a request of this type.

## **ROLES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MANAGERS, COACHES, AND PARENTS**

### **Role of the Board of Directors**

The EYLLL Board of Directors was elected by the parents to maintain and operate our local league. The Board is responsible for managing all parts of our Little League program including pre-season, regular season and post-season activities necessary to run a smooth program for the players. The Board is responsible for creating a safe and fun environment for the children.

### **Role of Manager and Coach**

The Little League Manager/Coach must be a leader. All managers/coaches must recognize that they hold a position of trust and responsibility in a program that deals with a sensitive and formative period of a youngster's development. It is required that the manager/coach have understanding, patience and the capability to work with youngsters. The manager/coach should be able to inspire respect. Above all else, managers/coaches must realize that they are helping to shape the physical, mental and emotional development of young people. Managers and coaches must be adults who are sensitive to the mental and physical limitations of children of Little League age and who recognize that the game is a vehicle of training and enjoyment. **All managers must submit their selection for coaches to the Board for approval.** A manager or coach must remain with their players until all are picked up from practice or games. Only players, the manager, and two coaches are allowed in each team's dugout during games. The manager is to allow only seeds and sealed drink bottles in the dugout during games. It is also the manager's responsibility to turn in the scores of each game immediately, and to report any injuries or safety issues with the field.

## Role of the Parent

The Little League Parent plays an important role in the success of their player. Parents must get their player to practice and games on time and with the proper equipment. All parents must remember their turn for supplying snacks to the team and for field clean up. Parents can also help with field maintenance before or after the game. All parents must respect the rules of the game and refrain from heckling players, coaches, other parents, and umpires.

Little League Baseball has an excellent web site dedicated to helping parents help children get the most from their Little League experience, with very useful helpful hints. The following topics are covered at <http://www.littleleague.org/manuals/parents/parents.htm>.

- ✓ Understanding Kids & Sports
- ✓ What About My Child
- ✓ Your Role As A Little League Parent
- ✓ Communicating With Your Child's Coach

If you do not have internet access and would like to purchase a copy of the publication *Parent Guide to Little League Baseball*, it is available for five dollars plus shipping by calling the Little League Baseball merchandise department at 1-800-874-2852, or by contacting Human Kinetics Publishers, Box 5076, Champaign, Illinois 61825-5076. The local libraries also have free internet access.

### Additional Do's and Don'ts for parental reflection:

1. **DO** get your child to practice and games on time or arrange transportation. The managers and coaches are not taxi services.
2. **DO** take your child home when practices and games are over. The managers and coaches are not baby sitters. The manager/coach can not leave any player at the field after practice or a game until a parent shows up.
3. **DO** get involved. Managers/coaches and EYLL really need your help. Step up and get involved!
4. **DO** encourage your child to do his home training. This is just like homework and the parent needs to get involved and cherish the experience.
5. **DON'T** pressure your child to succeed in the games. This experience is about the journey - not the destination. For example, it is probably not a good idea to go over every mistake in last night's game over breakfast.
6. **DO** cheer for the team.
7. **DO** your part in the field maintenance program, snack center duty, etc. The manager and coaches have already coached up to 14 children through a warm-up, a two-hour or so game, and an after-the-game recap. The least you can do is spend a few minutes grooming the field for the game during warm-ups or for the next game during the after-game activities. See DO #3.
8. **DON'T** ever cheer against the opposition. In fact, if they make a good play you should applaud.
9. **DON'T ever** yell at the umpires. This is insulting to the manager and indicates that you think he is not looking out for the best interest of the team. Yelling, "Come on Blue" is guaranteed to not result in more favorable calls.
10. **DON'T** coach from the stands. The child has enough trouble focusing on hitting, throwing and catching the ball, as well as running the bases all while listening for the coach's guidance.

11. **DON'T** come to the manager with your ideas about the lineup, practice, or playing time. If a player has something to say about his situation, he should talk with the manager.

12. **DO HAVE FUN!!!** Enjoy this precious time in your child's life.

## **LITTLE LEAGUE SEASON FORMAT**

Season play consists of pre-season practice, regular season play and practice, post-season, tournaments, and All-Stars.

- **Pre-season practice** – Your child's team manager will hold practices prior to the start of regular season play. Each manager will have a practice schedule and will contact you with the place and time. You should assist your child in maintaining regular practice attendance. Please see the calendar for the beginning of League practice.
- **Regular season play** – During the regular season, each team will usually play two games per week. Practices will also be scheduled during the week at the discretion of the manager.
- **Post-season** – The League Champion in each division will be determined in a series of playoff games after the regular season is completed. All teams in the single A Division and the top four teams in the AA, AAA and Majors Divisions will compete in the playoffs. Teams will be paired off in a best-of-three series with the winners advancing until a champion is determined.
- **Tournaments** – The Majors, AAA and AA divisions will participate in post-season tournament play. A minimum of 1 team from the Majors division will represent EYLLL in the District 56 Tournament of Champions. The AAA and AA divisions will participate in the Yorba Linda City Tournament. This tournament takes the top two teams from the three leagues in Yorba Linda. These tournaments start at the end of post-season play.
- **All-Stars** - One All-Star team will represent the league in each of five divisions: 9 & 10 year-olds, 11 year-olds, Majors, Junior League, and Senior League. Player selections will be done in accordance with policy set forth in the 2006-2007 EYLLL Bylaws. A commitment will be required from each All-Star player. A player may forfeit their position on the All-Star team if they miss any practices or games during the entire District 56 All-Star season.

## **WINTER BALL SEASON**

The Winter Ball League is a loosely structured non-competitive league that stresses training and player development. All Senior and Little League players (ages 8 and up) are invited to participate. The Winter Ball season begins in the middle of September and concludes prior to Thanksgiving. A separate registration will be announced in May and additional sign-ups will be held in August. Winter Ball participation requires a separate registration fee.

## **LEAGUE PLAYING RULES**

As an officially chartered Little League, East Yorba Linda Little League is governed by the “*Official Regulations and Playing Rules of Little League Baseball.*” This publication is updated annually and is suggested reading for all Little League parents. It is available from most local sporting goods stores. All EYLLL managers will have a copy of the most current rulebook. EYLLL also operates by its own Bylaws. The purpose of the EYLLL Bylaws is to address local issues.

**Before the start of all games, the players, managers and coaches must stand along the first and third base lines and recite in unison the Little League Pledge.**

## **LEAGUE EVENTS**

### **Field Day**

Field Day is an annual event to prepare the Majors through single-A fields for the new season, and make the fields as safe as possible for the players. This year’s Field Day is a mandatory event for all managers and coaches. The field day will begin with everyone helping to setup the Majors, AAA, AA, and A fences. Once the fences are in place the managers, coaches, and volunteers will be responsible for fixing up their respective field. This will include leveling the fields, filling in pot holes, working on the bull pens, fixing the pitchers mounds, working on the home plate areas, etc... All field modifications will be coordinated through the Field Manager.

The activities will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue throughout the day until everything is completed. The more helping hands at Field Day, the faster the tasks can be completed.

### **Opening Day**

Opening Day ceremonies are held at Travis Ranch Park. Opening Day is a very festive event and all players and their families should plan on attending. Pictures are also taken on Opening Day. The League provides team and individual pictures to each player. Additional pictures are available as an optional expense. Please show up for the team photo even if you choose not to purchase additional pictures. Team Parents will distribute picture packets and have the time and place for pictures to be taken. Parents, please have your child with cap and a clean uniform at the site no later than fifteen minutes prior to your scheduled time. Having players arrive early helps prevent delays. Remember, if you are scheduled to have your pictures taken at 9:30, and you show up at the ballpark at 9:30, you are already late. Regular season games start the following week. Please plan to attend and welcome in the 2008 season.

### **Cal State Fullerton Night**

EYLLL as a Little League, attends a Cal State Fullerton Titans Baseball Game, where activities are geared toward our Little League. Tickets are sold in advance. As more information becomes available it will be passed along to you through the Team Parent.

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is a necessary part of Little League. It is very important for the continued quality and success of our program. Fundraising enables the league to keep registration fees down and defray general operating expenses. Everyone's cooperation in any fundraising events held is greatly appreciated. Listed below are some of the expenses incurred in operating East Yorba Linda Little League.

- *Insurance* – The Little League Insurance program is designed to afford protection to all participants. It can be used to supplement other insurance carried under a family policy or employer policy. If your child is not covered by any family insurance, the Little League insurance policy becomes the primary carrier offering unmatched low-cost protection with assurance to parents that adequate coverage is in force at all. Average cost per player is \$5.00.
- *Equipment, Uniforms and Field Maintenance* – Continuous maintenance of fields, uniforms and equipment is a season long process. Each player is responsible for providing his/her own glove, cleats, sleeves (manager's option) and pants. The League provides helmets, bats, balls, catchers' equipment, bases, etc. Jerseys and hats are provided for each player in the League. Striped pants are reserved for the Major, JR and SR League teams only. Field maintenance includes hoses, fences, rakes, chalk and brick dust. Average cost per player is \$50.00. All managers are required to help prepare the Travis and Eastside fields for the season. Parents are invited to help out at Field Day. For more information regarding equipment, please contact the Equipment Manager.
- *Umpires* – The League provides professional umpires for AA through Senior Divisions. Average cost per player is \$25.00. Volunteer umpires will be provided for the single A Division. A parent volunteer will umpire for the T-Ball and Coach Pitch Divisions. For more information on umpires, please contact Umpire-In-Chief.
- *Team Pictures* – The League provides team and individual pictures to each player. Average cost per player is \$5.00.
- *Miscellaneous Expenses* – These items include, but are not limited to, League and tournament fees, plaques and awards, printing, postage, supplies, storage rental, facility rental, etc. Average cost per player is \$16.00.

As you can see by the above figures, your registration fee does not cover what it takes to operate the League on a yearly basis. Our program cannot survive on registration fees alone. This is why our fundraising events and Snack Center operations are so important to the League.

## Snack Shack

One of the responsibilities of each Little League parent is to support the Snack Shack at Travis Ranch Park. The Snack Shack is one of EYLLL's major sources of revenue and is entirely dependent on volunteers for its success.

Each team will be asked to staff the Snack Shack for a specified period. This is usually from two to three days during the entire season. This staffing will be coordinated through each team parent and will consist of each family being required to work a three-hour shift in the Snack Shack. Failure to work your shift as required will result in your manager or coach being pulled from the game that is in play to work in the Snack Shack. It is your obligation to work or find a replacement if you are unable to work your designated shift.

No person under the age of 16 may work in the snack center. A student (age 13 or 14) working for Community Service hours may assist in the snack shack providing they have the appropriate school Community Service forms with them at the time that they are to work. These students may only work the counters and may not prepare hot food items. No more than one student may work in the snack shack during a scheduled shift.

The Snack Shack will have tokens available for team use. These tokens are great for a post-game snack and can be redeemed for a soft drink and hot dog or nachos or a piece of candy. It is highly recommended that the teams use

these tokens for the post game snack. For more information on the Snack Shack, please contact the Snack Center Coordinator or any Board member.

## **Sponsorship**

Each team is required to procure a minimum of \$150 in sponsorship funds. These funds are necessary to help supplement the registration fees and fundraiser money to run the league, and cover the cost of uniforms and equipment.

## **COMMUNICATION**

Communication is extremely important to the success of our league. We want to make sure you have all the information you need for a fun and successful season. Please visit the EYLLL web site at [www.eylll.com](http://www.eylll.com) often for important information, schedules, standings, news and notes from the league. Your team manager and team parent will be a key source of information and issue resolution. Any questions regarding EYLLL should be directed to your team manager or team parent. If they cannot resolve your issue then the Player Agent should be contacted. If the Player Agent is also unable to resolve the issue then please contact the President. The Board of Directors is always willing to listen to you and help make your child's experience in Little League the best it can be. The list of board members is included in your packet and on our web site.

Never assume that a scheduled game will not be played because of inclement weather. It is the responsibility of each manager to have his team on the field ready to play at the scheduled time. *Only an umpire or Board Member can cancel a game.* There will be a weather phone number available to managers; however, if no official notice is given, a game will be played as scheduled. *Failure to not field enough players to play will result in a forfeit.* The Board reserves the right to use the Spring Break holiday to schedule make-up games.

We look forward to a great season. Thank you for all your help in making East Yorba Linda Little League, the best it can be.

## **EAST YORBA LINDA LITTLE LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT**

This document highlights certain rules and regulations concerning member conduct and discipline. Members include players, parents, managers, coaches, any other volunteer or League official. The Board of Directors of EYLLL has adopted the following Code of Conduct.

EYLLL will enforce the **NO SMOKING POLICY** of Placentia Yorba Linda School District. It is the responsibility of each manager, coach, parent, and player to allow **NO SMOKING** on any and all school grounds and city parks.

### **Specific Conduct Cases**

This section is a guide for the disciplining of East Yorba Linda Little League members for violations of the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is in place for the safety of the players. The objective of the disciplinary actions is to maintain objectivity in disciplining members.

## **Disciplinary Actions**

**Smoking** – Anyone smoking on any and all Travis Ranch Park or any fields or school grounds where EYLLL events are occurring will be asked to put it out. Should the person continue to smoke or be seen smoking during the same day will be ejected from the grounds.

**Physical abuse** – Physical abuse by any league member toward any other league member or spectator will not be tolerated. The offender's penalty shall be immediate removal from the area under EYLLL jurisdiction including both playing and practice fields. A subsequent hearing of the Board of Directors will be held for disciplinary action.

**Use of profanity** – Members shall not use profanity directed to or overheard by other members or spectators. Such misconduct when confirmed by the Board of Directors will result in the following penalties for the offender:

- First offense – Written warning from EYLLL
- Second offense – One week suspension from all league activities
- Third offense – Hearing with the Board of Directors

**Umpire abuse** – Umpire abuse is defined as repeated or uncontrolled questioning of an umpire's ruling or repeated heckling of the umpire during play. The umpire shall remove the offender from the game and report the incident to the Board of Directors. Such misconduct will result in the following penalties:

- First offense – Any member or spectator ejected from a game must leave the field and take no further part in that game. They may not sit in the stands or in any area adjacent to the field or stands and may not be recalled. Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game is suspended for the next played game. (Little League Rule 4.07 effective 2001)
- Second offense – One-week suspension from all league activities in addition to application of Rule 4.07.
- Third offense – Subsequent hearing for discipline with the Board of Directors.

**Equipment abuse** – Umpires are instructed to immediately remove any member who throws a helmet, glove, baseball, bat or other potentially dangerous item in an apparent act of frustration or protest. In addition, the following penalties apply when the matter is brought to the attention of the Board of Directors:

- First offense – Any member ejected from a game must leave the field and take no further part in the game. They may not sit in the stands or in any area adjacent to the field or stands and may not be recalled. Any manager, coach or player ejected from a game is suspended for the next played game. (Little League Rule 4.07 effective 2001)
- Second offense – One week suspension from all league activities in addition to application of Rule 4.07.
- Third offense – Subsequent hearing for discipline with the Board of Directors.

**Rule abuse** – Any league member knowingly breaking a Little League rule or EYLLL Bylaw is subject to the following:

- First offense – Suspension from the next played game.
- Second offense – One week suspension from all league activities including the next two (2) played games, and review in person at the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- Third offense – Subsequent hearing for discipline with the Board of Directors.

**Other conduct issues** – Any other complaints of misconduct by members or spectators, which are brought to the attention of the Board of Directors, will be subject to a hearing with the Board of Directors.

## **Suspension or Termination**

Membership may be terminated by resignation or by action of the East Yorba Linda Little League Board of Directors. The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of the Directors present at any duly constituted meeting, shall have the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any member of any class. The hearing will take place when the conduct of the member is found by the Board of Directors to have been detrimental to the best interests of the league or any of its members. The member involved will be notified of the meeting, informed of the general nature of the charges and be given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer the charges. In the case of a player member, the Board of Directors shall notify the player's team manager. As an advisor, the manager may appear with the player before the Board of Directors. The Board will have full power to discipline, suspend or revoke the player's participation in East Yorba Linda Little League. East Yorba Linda Little League will notify the parents of a player member of any conduct issue before the Board of Directors and of any Board hearing for review of that issue.

**This document may be amended by a majority-vote of the East Yorba Linda Little League Board of Directors.**

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# Parent Pledge

## Preamble

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these six pillars of character.

## Parent Code of Conduct

I therefore agree:

- ✓ I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- ✓ I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun and that the game is for, and about, the children – not the adults.
- ✓ I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
- ✓ I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- ✓ I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing in competition. I will praise the children for competing fairly and trying hard, and make the children feel like winners every time.
- ✓ I will be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy – and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other event.
- ✓ I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of East Yorba Linda Little League.
- ✓ I will not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent, such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, using profane language or gestures, or physical assaults.
- ✓ I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed-upon time and place.
- ✓ I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games or practices.
- ✓ I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed color, sex or ability.
- ✓ I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- ✓ I will demand an environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and refrain from their use at the sports event.

*I understand and accept the League Policy that if I or anyone I invite violate the Pledge then we may be asked to leave the game. I also understand that continued violations of the Pledge may result in banishment from further attendance at games for the remainder of the season.*

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Sign & Print Name (Parent/Guardian 1)

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Date

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Sign & Print Name (Parent/Guardian 2)

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Date