

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Mel Ott Lutheran Baseball League has a Code of Conduct that it expects all players to follow. In addition to helping make the baseball season more fun, safe and positive, these actions represent fundamental lifetime skills.

As an athlete in the Mel Ott Lutheran Baseball League I will:

1. Play for fun!
2. Work hard to improve my skills.
3. Develop good practice habits.
4. Be a team player, get along with teammates and coaches, make teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline the foundation of my game.
5. Be on time for practices, games and team events.
6. Learn the rules of baseball and play by them.
7. Always be a good sport.
8. Never argue with an umpire, I will accept their decisions, move on and remain positive.
9. Respect my coaches, teammates, parents, opponents and umpires.
10. Take my game to the highest level by acknowledging and applauding great efforts, no matter who makes them.
11. Inform my coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect my safety or the safety of others.

I have read and understand this **CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**, for the Mel Ott Lutheran Baseball League and fully support it, its intent and its essence.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by these rules and guidelines, **I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal warning by head coach, official and/or a Commissioner of the Mel Ott Lutheran Baseball Board
- Written warning by a coach and/or Commissioner of the Mel Ott Lutheran Baseball Board
- Game suspension(s)
- Season suspension

Signature of Player

Date

Printed Name of Player

Team

Coaches/Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

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”*.

The Mel Ott Lutheran Baseball League, Board of Directors agrees with this statement of principles and requires that as parents/guardians of athletes in a Mel Ott Lutheran Baseball program you agree to the following:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not me.
3. I will emphasize teamwork and skill development.
4. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
6. I (and all my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.
7. I (and all my guests) will not engage in any kind of un-sportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, including but not limited to booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, using profane language and/or gestures.
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
9. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, verbal encounters or violence.
10. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
11. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning.
12. I will praise my child for competing fairly and giving their best effort.
13. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, (including smoking within site of the field) and alcohol.
16. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices.
17. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field.

I/we have read and understand the **CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**, for the Mel Ott Lutheran Baseball League and fully, unequivocally support it, its intent and its essence. I also agree that if I fail to abide by these rules and guidelines, **I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or a Commissioner of the Mel Ott Lutheran Baseball Board
- Parental game suspension(s)
- Parental season suspension

Signature of Parent

Date

Printed Name of Parent