

# **HUNTINGTON TRI-VILLAGE LITTLE LEAGUE, INC.**

## **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

The goals of Little League revolve around the spirit of competition, sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty and respect. We will provide children a safe, fun atmosphere where they can learn the values of teamwork, discipline and self-improvement that will help make them better, healthier and happier adults.

Profanity, threatening language, abusive or violent behavior have no place in Little League and will not be tolerated by Huntington Tri-Village Little League. Players, managers/coaches and spectators must show good sportsmanship and respect for others at all times.

In addition, Players may not throw equipment, defy coaches or umpires, harass opposing players or show disrespect to teammates or spectators.

Managers/Coaches may only interact with the umpire to review the ground rules before the game, interpret rules during the game and thank them after the game. Managers/Coaches may not leave the dugout without requesting and getting time out from the umpire, may not question an umpires judgment call and may not yell, jeer, question, criticize or give negative feedback of any kind to an umpire, opposing team member, spectator or league official.

Spectators may not question an umpires judgment call, and may not yell, jeer, question, criticize or give negative feedback of any kind to an umpire, manager/coach, player or league official.

An umpire who feels bothered or threatened by anyone outside the playing field should immediately stop the game, meet with both managers and ask them to inform the spectators of the ZERO tolerance policy. Any spectator who continues will be ejected without further warning.

If a spectator refuses to leave, the umpire will stop the game and place both teams in their dugouts until the spectator leaves. If the spectator's affiliation is unclear, ALL spectators will be cleared from the field before play can be resumed. If the spectator does not leave within 10 minutes, the umpire shall leave and the game suspended. The Board of Directors will decide if the game will be continued or forfeited.

If an umpire ejects anyone, player, manager/coach or spectator from a game, that person must leave the game site before play can resume. The umpire shall provide a report of the incident within 24 hours of the game. The person ejected shall meet with the Board of Directors to explain their actions and the reason for the ejection before being permitted to return to the field. Anyone suspended cannot be in attendance at game site during the suspension. There will be discretion if a child cannot leave the field safely.

Anyone violating the terms of this policy whether at a game, practice or Little League event will be subjected to immediate ejection and shall meet with the Board of Directors to explain their actions and the reason for the ejection before they are permitted to return to the field.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to impose any penalty they feel is justified; however the penalty shall not be less than the suspension for the next played game. Any person refusing to meet with the Board of Directors shall be suspended indefinitely until the meeting is held.

It is the Managers/Coaches responsibility to distribute this ZERO tolerance policy to all players and parents of the team. The terms and conditions of this policy will not be waived if the Manager/Coach fails to distribute this policy.