

EGLL CODE OF CONDUCT

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure that all participants, including players, coaches, parents, and spectators, promote a positive, respectful, honest, and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in East Granby/Granby Little League (EGLL). By adhering to this code, we will create a safe and supportive space for children to learn the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and respect.

1. Respect for Players

- All players deserve to play in a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment. Treat all players with respect, encouraging them to do their best and learn from both successes and mistakes.
- Harassment, bullying, or discriminatory behavior of any kind will not be tolerated.

2. Respect for Coaches

- Coaches are committed to teaching players not only the fundamentals of the game but also life skills. Treat them with respect, acknowledge their efforts, and support their role in the development of the players.
- Follow the coach's instructions during practice and games. If there is an issue, address it privately and respectfully.

3. Respect for Parents and Spectators

- Parents and spectators must maintain a positive and encouraging atmosphere. Applaud good play from both teams, and refrain from negative comments about players, coaches, or officials.
- Disruptive or aggressive behavior towards others is not acceptable.

4. Respect for Officials and Umpires

- Umpires are essential to the integrity of the game. Disagreeing with a call is natural, but all concerns should be raised calmly and respectfully after the game, not during.
- Verbal abuse, threats, or intimidation toward officials will not be tolerated.

5. Sportsmanship and Fair Play

- Win or lose, show grace and respect towards your opponents, teammates, and the game itself.
- Promote fair play by playing within the rules and encouraging others to do the same.
- Congratulate opponents on their successes and accept defeat with dignity.

6. Commitment to Safety

- Ensure all safety guidelines are followed, including the proper use of equipment, playing fields, and during transportation to and from games.
- Coaches, parents, and players should communicate any injuries or concerns immediately to ensure timely medical attention.

7. Positive Communication

- Communication should always be constructive, supportive, and respectful. Avoid using negative language or making demeaning comments.
- If issues arise, address them calmly, and seek appropriate channels for resolution, such as speaking with a coach, league coordinator, or board member.

8. Teamwork

- Encourage players to work together as a team, emphasizing cooperation over individual achievement.
- Support a culture of inclusion where every player, regardless of skill level or background, feels valued and accepted.

9. Responsibility

- All members of the EGGLL community are responsible for modeling the values of respect, sportsmanship, and teamwork.
- Parents and coaches should work together to instill positive habits in players and hold them accountable for their actions.
- Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the organization should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or near the field of play in or in view of spectators or participants.

10. Consequences for Violations

- Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, which can include warnings, suspension, or expulsion from EGGLL activities, depending on the severity of the infraction.
- All participants are expected to uphold the values of this Code of Conduct at all times, both during league events and in interactions related to the EGGLL program.