

# Windham Little League

Windham, Maine



## Coaches' Guidelines and Player Relations

### Coaches' Guidelines:

1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
2. I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
3. I will do my very best to provide a safe play situation for my players.
4. I will do my best to organize practices that teach fundamental skills in an engaging and challenging format for all my players.
5. I will lead, by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
6. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
7. I will attend the mandatory coaches training sessions offered by the Windham Little League Board of Directors.
8. I will use the prescribed coaching techniques and drills appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
9. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
10. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their spectators.
11. Before and after games, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the game.
12. Any Head Coach of a Windham Little League baseball/softball team (Major, AAA, Minor, Machine Pitch, and Tee Ball) found to be the Head Coach of another baseball/softball team during the same season shall be removed immediately.
13. No tobacco, alcohol or drugs will be allowed on the playing field or at practices.
14. No profanity or verbal abuse will be displayed by coaches or players during games or practices.
15. Coaches should ensure they are aware of the rules and regulations in which the Windham Little League baseball/softball programs operate.
16. It is encouraged that each team practice at least twice per week.
17. Head coaches will choose up to two assistant coaches and a scorekeeper. The scorekeeper may be one of the two assistants or an individual outside of the playing field. The assistant coaches must be approved by the Windham Little League Board of Directors prior to the start of the season.
18. The Head Coach will be responsible and accountable for the actions of his assistant coaches.

19. Head Coaches and assistant coaches must be willing to cooperate, promote and encourage participation in activities associated with the Windham Little League Program. These include but are not limited to umpiring, concession stand manpower, providing announcer booth/score keeping manpower, fundraising activities, field preparation and clean up, team and individual picture process and other activities approved by the Windham Little League.
20. Coaches should be properly prepared for games and practices.
21. Head Coaches are required, and it is recommended for Assistant Coaches, to maintain certification with National Youth Sports Coaches Association and attend a yearly umpire and rules clinic.
22. Head Coaches or an Assistant coach should be trained in First Aid. It is a requirement that the team first aid kit be at all practices and games. The first aid kit will be returned to the Windham Little League at the end of the season with the baseball/softball equipment.

Player Relations:

1. Coaches should treat each player with dignity and respect.
2. Coaches should treat umpires with dignity and respect.
3. Coaches should ensure that dugouts are clear of equipment and trash at the end of the game.
4. Coaches should ensure that the equipment and facilities are not abused.

\*NOTE: Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disciplinary action decided by the Windham Little League, unless otherwise stated.

\* NOTE: Windham Little League reserves the right to take appropriate action to rectify any situation, which is deemed detrimental to a specific player, team of the baseball/softball program.

\* NOTE: This document will be kept on file with the Windham Little League.

I have read and understand the Coaches Guidelines and Player Relations document. I will adhere to each item as it is stated.

Team	Signature	Date
Position	Print Name	

Coaches Certification Program (please print)- \_\_\_\_\_