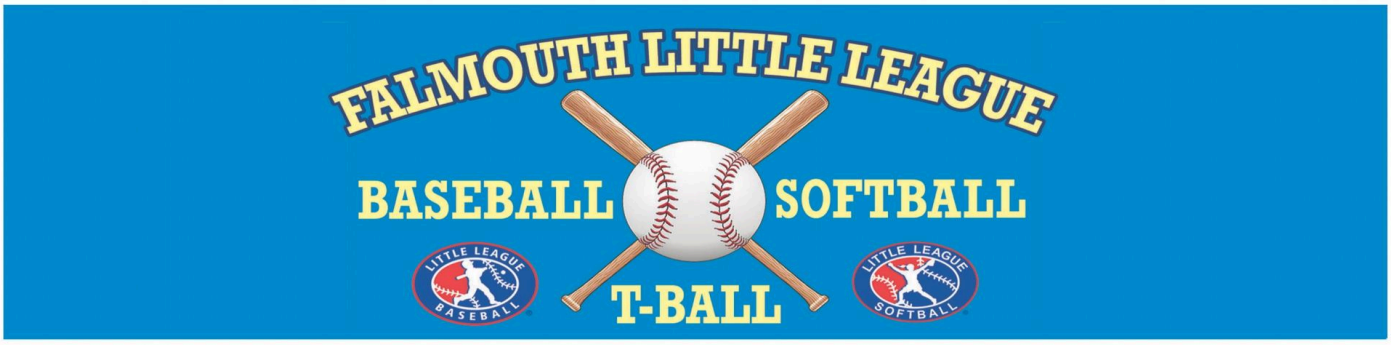

Volunteer Coaching Agreement

I understand that the responsibilities of a Volunteer Coach are of great importance and that my actions can significantly influence the participation of young athletes in the program. I agree to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

All participants have the right to:

- Participate in the sport of their choice.
- Receive qualified adult leadership, and prepared and dedicated coaches.
- Have qualified coaches that emphasize skill development, fair play, teamwork, cooperation, sportsmanship, responsibility, and fun.
- Participate in a fun, safe, and healthy environment.
- Share in the leadership and age-appropriate decision making of their team.
- Have an equal opportunity to play and strive for success regardless of talent level.
- Play as a child and not as an adult.
- Be treated with respect and dignity.

As a Volunteer Coach I promise to conduct myself in accordance with this agreement, and with the Rules and Regulations of Falmouth Little League (FLL) and Little League International (LLI), Reg XIV.

- I will treat each athlete, coach, official, athlete's family, and FLL Board Member with respect and dignity.
- I will be a role model for the players by displaying good sportsmanship, appropriate conflict resolution, appropriate control of my emotions and reactions, and effective communication.
    - I will not berate, scream with anger, throw or slam things, or engage in any other behavior that is intimidating or conveying anger at the players, or towards an observer, official, other coach, or FLL Board Member.
    - I will do my best to not show bias towards players.
    - I will be accommodating to disabilities and identities that my players might have.
- I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation techniques, rules and strategies of my sport and the division that I am coaching.
- I will uphold the authority of the officials who are assigned to my sport, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial, competitive games.

- I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my players so that I might place them into situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success in practices and games while they improve their skill level.
- I will protect the health and safety of my players.
- I SHALL report any suspected child abuse and/or neglect to social services, law enforcement, 1-800-452-1999, AND the FLL Board President or my division's VP within 24 hours.
- I will complete my Mandatory Training before any practice begins.
- I will attend the Mandatory Coaches Workshop, if applicable to my division, to become aligned with the goals of the League, and to obtain all equipment and coach's information that I might need.
- I will do my best to take care of the equipment issued to me for the season.
- I will return all equipment directly to the Equipment Manager at the end of the season, I will NOT drop it in a shed unless specifically told to do so.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, vaping, alcohol, excessive profanity, or vulgarity, and I will refrain from their use at all FLL events.
- I understand that a successful coach is not necessarily the coach who wins, but the coach that inspires kids to have fun and come back to play again.
- I will either facilitate attendance of a Division-specific Parent Meeting if offered, or hold a pre-season Parent Meeting with my team to explain goals, expectations, rules, etc.

With my signature, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and will do my best to fulfill the agreement. I further understand that failure to comply with this agreement may result in my removal from this program as a coach at the discretion of the FLL Board.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

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Please use the proper communication channel for all issues or questions. Contact your VP first, they will further communicate with other parties or Board Members (2024).

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