

SANTA MONICA PONY LEAGUE ATHLETIC CODE

TEAM _____

PLAYERS NAME (Please print) _____

DIVISION _____

I realize that it is a privilege to participate in baseball at Los Amigos. Accordingly, I accept and will live by the following athletic code:

- 1) I will work daily during the season of the sport to improve my skills and be an asset to my team.
- 2) I understand that my participation is a season-long commitment to myself, my team, and my coach.
- 3) I will conduct myself in such a manner as to bring respect to myself and my team, both at Los Amigos, at away games and in the community. I understand that my behavior is a reflection upon myself, my team, my coach, my community, and my family.
- 4) I will try, as far as possible, to be at every practice and competition during the season. If, for some very important reason, I cannot, I will contact my coach at the very latest by the morning before practice or competition.
- 5) I will organize my time so that my academic responsibilities do not conflict with practices or games. I understand that my team commitment does not excuse me from maintaining academic excellence.
- 6) I will take care of the team equipment.
- 7) I understand that the coach has the sole responsibility to decide who will play in a game.
- 8) I understand that any unsportsmanlike conduct or violation of this Code or the rules determined by the coach may result in disciplinary action not only by the coach, but also the Athletic Director and/or the Board. In the case of a serious infraction, disciplinary action may result in a possible suspension or dismissal from the league.

Date _____

Team Member's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

ATHLETIC PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The essential elements of character building and ethics in athletics are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of athletics is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

Therefore I agree:

- 1) I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices.
- 2) I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the athletic venue, and will take time to speak to coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- 3) I will remember that athletes participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- 4) I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his or her performance.
- 5) I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 6) 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.
- 7) I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that could endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
- 8) I (and my guests) will be positive role models for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrating positive support for all players' coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or sporting event.
- 9) I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing or taunting; refusing to shake hands; using profane language or gestures; and/or physical violence.
- 10) I will respect the neighborhood surrounding Los Amigos Park. Excessive noise and trash will not be tolerated.
- 11) I understand that any violation of this code of conduct will be cause for dismissal, suspension, or permanent expulsion from future athletic contests.

I have read, understand, and agree to the parent's code of conduct at all athletic contests home or away.

Parent Signature _____

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This form must be returned to the coach prior to athletic participation. Athletes will not be allowed to participate without the completion and return of this form.

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