



# Vacaville American Little League

## Volunteer Code of Conduct

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. As a Manager, Coach, Board Member, or other volunteer with Vacaville American Little League, you are a role model for your child and all children in our community — including players, families, and spectators.

**The Vacaville American Little League Board of Directors asks that you pledge to be responsible for your words and actions while coaching, officiating, or volunteering at league events, and that you uphold the following Code of Conduct:**

### **As a Volunteer, I pledge to:**

- Remember that I am a youth sports volunteer and that the game is for children, not adults.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of my own desire to win.
- Support the league's objectives of promoting sportsmanship, respect for authority, and teamwork.
- Strive to help players become happy, well-adjusted children who grow into good citizens.
- Treat each player as an individual, recognizing the wide range of development within any age group.
- Focus on creating a positive, enriching experience — not on statistics or win/loss records.
- Lead by example by demonstrating fair play and good sportsmanship.
- Inform spectators that they are responsible for abiding by the league's Codes of Conduct.
- Work with a team parent to ensure administrative responsibilities are handled properly.
- Dedicate time to practices and games, providing fun, safe, and challenging opportunities for all players.
- Provide a safe playing environment, free of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
- Review and practice basic first aid principles to care for injured players.
- Learn and teach both official Little League rules and Vacaville American Little League local rules.
- Ensure players, parents, and spectators follow league rules.
- Be responsible for the proper use and timely return of all assigned equipment, facilities, and uniforms.
- Understand that the Board of Directors is committed to assisting volunteers in running a program that is best for all participants.

### **Prohibited Actions**

I understand that engaging in any of the following behaviors, especially in the presence of players, may result in disciplinary action or removal as a volunteer:

- Poor sportsmanship or disrespectful behavior, including arguing with or baiting umpires.
- Loss of temper or self-control.
- Manipulating rules in a dishonest manner.
- Failing to meet minimum play requirements for children.
- Using foul or derogatory language toward players, umpires, or spectators.
- Allowing players to “trash talk” opponents, umpires, or spectators.
- Use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco while around the team.



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### Disciplinary Action

**I understand that if I fail to follow this Code of Conduct, I may face disciplinary action by the Vacaville American Little League Board of Directors, including but not limited to:**

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Game suspension
- Season suspension
- Removal from all league activities

**The Vacaville American Little League Board of Directors retains the sole authority to determine the appropriate disciplinary action for any conduct infraction.**

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Volunteer Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit the signed form to the Player Agent in person or by email at:

[vall64.playeragent@gmail.com](mailto:vall64.playeragent@gmail.com)