



ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

In an effort to make the Danvers National Little League Season a more desirable and rewarding experience for all participants, the DNLL Board Committee has instructed the umpires to adhere to certain points of emphasis relating to sportsmanship. This campaign is designed to require all players, managers, coaches, umpires, administrators, and parents/spectators to maintain a sportsmanlike and educational atmosphere before, during and after all Little League baseball games. Thus, the following points of emphasis will be implemented by all umpires and League Board Members.

PLAYERS

A player will be removed from the game, by the coach upon instruction of the umpire, for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an umpire
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an umpire's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed an additional penalty of being barred from further games.

MANAGERS AND COACHES

A manager or coach will be removed from the game, by the umpire, for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) whenever a manager or coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an umpire
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an umpire's decision. Any time that a manager or coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed an additional penalty of being barred from further tournament games.

UMPIRES

Umpires are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial, and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or managers or coaches are strictly prohibited. Umpires are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

PARENTS / SPECTATORS

The game will be stopped by the umpire when the parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior including, use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time; taunting of players, coaches, umpires or any other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence, or throwing of any object in the spectators viewing area, or on playing field, directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard or interfere with the other spectators of the game. The umpire will identify violators to the coaches for the purposes of removing parents/spectators from the spectators viewing and game area. Once removed, play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced as the assigned curfew will be maintained. Violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the DNLL Executive Board Committee.