

2010 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MAHASKA COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE

Little League's purpose is to provide wholesome, beneficial activity for youngsters under the leadership of adults who agree to give time and service to a common goal.

The vitality and growth of the Mahaska County Little League program is dependent upon the integrity of every individual involved. Therefore, if Little League is to be an organization worthy of our communities' support, the **adult participants and spectators** must recognize their responsibility in observing the following principles of conduct:

- 1) No obscene language or gestures will be tolerated.
- 2) Adults must show by example that they respect the judgment and position of authority of the umpire. They must instill in their players a respect for the authority of adult leaders in the league. They are cautious and use sound, and reasonable judgment in protest situations.
- 3) Play by the rules and adhere to their intent, instilling in the players a respect for the game.
- 4) Promote acceptable behavior whether the team wins or loses. Never ridicule or criticize any little league player or manager, or allow players or fans to display such conduct.
- 5) Any other conduct that the MCLL Board of Directors deems unacceptable behavior.

Violations of this code must be presented by an umpire, manager, or board member in writing within 48 hours of the incident to the MCLL Board for action. A hearing will be held within 5 days after the incident, with all parties involved present. The members of the board present at the meeting shall then impose such penalty as they feel is justified.

1st Offense — suspension of offending party for 1-3 games; suspension at the end of season carries over to next season.

Serious violation or repeated minor violations — Offending party banned from participation in Little League for a period of two years. At end of this time she/he may apply to be reinstated.

County Player Agent Boys --- Kim Sytsma: 626-3051 • **Girls** — Jerry Brummel: 780-0354

County Safety Officer — Amy Toubekis: 673-1903

Remember: • Umpire's on-field decision governs — **NO PROTEST** allowed of Judgment Calls.

• Unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. • Official 2010 Little League Playing Rules govern.