

An Important Message from the West Islip Little League Board of Directors:

The West Islip Little League Board of Directors cannot state too strongly the importance of safeguarding the well-being of each and every child that participates in the Little League program. All Managers and Coaches must possess leadership ability and the know-how to work with young children of all ages (from 5 years old to 18 years old). The role of Manager and/or Coach requires the teaching and demonstration of the fundamentals of teamwork, good sportsmanship, and discipline.

As such, verbal and/or physical altercations are unacceptable and intolerable. The West Islip Little League operates with established procedures to review and evaluate any and all verbal or physical altercations that arise during a Little League sanctioned event. In order to maintain the sanctity of the children and the sport of baseball and softball, the West Islip Little League Board of Directors is granted the following authority in Section XIV – Field Decorum, part (a) of the Little League International Rule Book:

“...Any player, manager, coach, umpire or league representative who is involved in a verbal or physical altercation, or an incident of unsportsmanlike conduct, at the game site or any other Little League activity, is subject to disciplinary action by the Local League Board of Directors...”

In addition to the authority granted above, all Managers and Coaches are required to sign the West Islip Little League Code of Ethics, annually. The following is included in the Code of Ethics as it pertains to field decorum:

“...Physical altercations will result in automatic removal from the program and possible arrest... Any actions contrary to the well-being of the league, players or umpires, will result in suspension and/or termination...”

The West Islip Little League has always made the preservation of the safety and well-being of all children a chief priority, and continues to take strict measures to ensure that the core values of Little League are demonstrated: Character, Courage, and Loyalty.

Sincerely,

West Islip Little League Board of Directors