



McHenry Pigtail League

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McHenry Pigtail Code for Parents

Please remember:

- Children have more need for example than criticism.
- Make athletic participation for your child and others a positive experience.
- Be kind to your child's coaches and umpires.
 - The coaches are volunteers giving personal time and money to provide a recreational activity for your child and others. The only reward received is the personal satisfaction of having served the community through their efforts.
- Remember the games are for friendly competition. Your opponents are necessary friends. Without them, there would be no need to participate.
- Applaud good plays by your team and as well as members of the opposing team.

Between the exuberance of the winner and the disappointment of the loser stands the Umpire. All of them follow the same creed to watch every play and call the game to the best of their ability.

- Do **not** openly question their judgment or their honesty. The umpire is a symbol of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.
- Accept the results of each game. Encourage children to be gracious in victory and turn defeat into victory by working towards improvement.

Parental evaluation carries a great deal of weight with preteens and teenagers alike. The attitudes shown by parents and coaches towards their own children, other players, the opposing team and the umpires influence the children's values and behavior in sports. Criticism, disrespect for officials and opponents by over-anxious or over-protective adults bent on immediate success rather than long range benefit undermines the purpose of sport. This also brings to the game stresses beyond those wholesome to friendly competition.

The desire of the organizers of this league is for it to be a **fun** experience for all. We wish to bring out the best in each and every player. Those who enjoy the game will have a desire to improve. For the good of our children, please support our efforts.

*When was the last time you had **fun** while someone you respected was openly criticizing you and the game you were associated with?*