



Saint John Little League 2022 Minor/Major Division

Setting Expectations For All

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Dear Players, Coaches, & Parents,

Welcome to the 2022 Season of Minor Baseball with Saint John Little League!

During seasons past we have experienced upset on the field for one reason or another. This turbulence, while unintentional, causes unnecessary stress for all involved. In hopes of avoiding any upset and ensuring we all have a great season, we want to outline Saint John Little Leagues position on these common issues.

PLAYERS

We want everyone to do their best and have fun! In order for this to be possible there is an expectation that players will be respectful to EVERYONE on the field.

- **There will be ZERO tolerance for poor sportsmanship, foul language, throwing equipment, or disrespect of other players, coaches, or officials.**
 - If an issue is brought forward, the player will be given *ONE WARNING*.
 - If there is a second incident the player will be asked to leave the field and will not be able to return for future games until the incident has been reviewed and a decision is made by the League President.
- While on the field players are expected to follow the direction of coaches and officials at all times. If there are behavioral issues which are disruptive to the game, parents will be asked to step in to speak to their child, further disruption will result in the child being asked to leave the field for the remainder of the game.

PARENTS

Sports have a tendency to make our already hectic lives even busier. We appreciate the sacrifice made by parents to get children to games, volunteer, or even just watch the game from the stands. Having said that, we ask that you;

- Please ensure your child is properly equipped for each game with a full uniform, hat, and has water or a sports drink for the game (*no food or sunflower seeds permitted in the dugout*).
- While we appreciate schedules may not always allow, please have your child at the field at least **15 minutes before** the start of the game. If for some reason they can't be there for a game please inform your coach as soon as possible.

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We all want our children to do their best and excel at the game. If concerns are raised that parents are being harsh or disrespectful to *ANY* child on the field, they will be asked to observe the game from their vehicle.

UMPIRES

We are fortunate to have umpires who give up their time to officiate both regular season and playoff games. It is important that we all understand that it is the charge of the Umpire to not only officiate the game, but to also ensure a positive environment for everyone at the field. With that in mind, please note the following expectations related to Officials;

- The umpire is to be *RESPECTED*. There will be no tolerance for abuse from players, coaches, or spectators. In the event that there is an issue the offending individual will be given *ONE WARNING* for the season. If a second offense occurs -
 - Parents/Spectators will be asked to observe the game from their vehicle
 - Players/Coaches will be asked to leave the field and will only be allowed to return for future play upon a decision from the League President.
- Players and coaches are expected to respect the Umpires calls at all times. There will be zero tolerance for players “chirping” the umpire because they don’t like a call. Umpires will be instructed to bring any issues with players/teams to the league executive.

In an effort to ensure a safe playing environment for our youth, we also ask you to be mindful that as per **Section 3** of the **Smoke-free Places Act of New Brunswick**, smoking/vaping of any kind is not permitted;

- *in an area of an outdoor public place on which playground equipment is situated, in a sports area of an outdoor public place or within 20m of any point on the perimeter of the playground equipment or the sports area.*

Let's all work together to make this the greatest season possible. If you have any issues or concerns throughout the season, please contact your division VP.

Play Ball!

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