

**Re: COACH BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS REGARDING PLAYERS, UMPIRES
AND PARENTS**

Thank you for volunteering your time for our players and parents at Southside. Our success is a result of you making a difference in the lives of the children you coach. **Umpires are a very important part of the game - we cannot play without them!** The role of umpire's must be recognized and respected by the coaches, the players, the timekeepers, spectators and the parents. The umpire has authority over players and coaches from the moment that he or she walks onto the field until the game is over. It is an umpire's job to officiate the match within the rules and keep our players safe. We need to remind everyone involved in our game and at practices of the consequences if you abuse an umpire, player or another coach. The actions can have a much greater impact than what you think. We need to reiterate the need to treat umpires with respect as a coach, player and spectator.

We understand the frustration at times with an umpire's decision in the heat of a game; however, certain behaviors will **NOT** be allowed or tolerated at Southside Little Miss Kickball. Yes, our umpires are volunteers and while we try to make sure that at least one experienced umpire is on each game, some are just learning. Don't forget, you were a beginner once too. Mistakes may be made, but the process of appeal on the field must be followed.

You may NOT, under any circumstances:

- Use foul language at any time during team functions such as games, practices or tournaments, etc., with umpires, players and spectators as well.
- Argue calls or talk behind the umpire's, parent's or player's back, make derogatory remarks, talk under your breath walking away, or otherwise behave inappropriately to disturb the normal course of play in a game, practice, tournament or team function. Keep your comments to yourself. This goes for your players/spectators as well.

CONSEQUENCE: You will NOT be allowed to coach your next game or be on the Southside Little Miss property. This may also affect your chances of being able to represent our league at tournaments, becoming an All-Star coach and coaching in the future.

These behaviors not only hurt the momentum of the game or practice, but also possibly discourage volunteers and players from continuing to be involved at Southside in the future. As a coach, it is your responsibility to make sure your players and spectators are respectful and mindful of their behavior as well.

If there is a problem with an umpire, you have a couple of options.

- You can protest the game, by filling out the appropriate paperwork in the allotted time.
- You should speak to the Umpire Coordinator to resolve personal issues with an umpire.
- You may speak to the President if an issue continues.

Thank you in advance for your immediate cooperation.

I have received this letter, and understand the consequences.

Coach's Signature

Date