

Zero Tolerance and What It Means

1. No abusive language of any type shall be directed toward an umpire, player, manager, coach, parent, board member, or anyone directly or indirectly affiliated with Salmon Creek Little League
2. Abusive language can have several meanings and interpretations. For purposes of proceeding with disciplinary action against the offending person, abusive language includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Foul language, i.e. "That's crap!" "You are full of crap!"
 - b. Curse words i.e. the four letter type
 - c. Complaining, or ranting and raving about a call or lack of a call, i.e. "Hey, ump, you missed that call!" "He was out by a mile!" "There is no way you couldn't make that call!"
 - d. Continuous questions of balls and strikes. "Hey, ump where was that pitch, it was on the corner!" "Hey, Johnny, where was that pitch?" "Johnny, wasn't it on the corner!" "Hey ump, you have to make those calls!"
 - e. Using language to embarrass, incite, provoke a manager, coach, player, parent, umpire, i.e.
 - Telling a parent to watch what they say, or you will come over there and take care of the problem
 - Telling a scorekeeper to shut up or you will come over the fence to shut them up
 - Telling the opposing coach that they are an ass for running up the score
 - Telling the opposing coach that they know it all and stepping into the opposing team's dugout to say it
 - Telling the opposing coach they don't know what they are doing and you do because you have the first place trophies and rings to show it
 - Telling the umpire they have no business being behind the plate because they suck

- Screaming from the hill at an umpire about balls and strikes, and about the calls made on the field
- Telling a player that their parent is a lousy umpire because their strike zone is too small
- Challenging an umpire or coach to a fight
- Telling your pitcher to throw the batter a strike because the batter can't hit
- Calling the umpire fat, and telling them they are too fat to make the calls

The above are actual examples of conduct displayed at the Salmon Creek Little League complex. Salmon Creek Little League will be making every effort to prevent this type of behavior from occurring in the future.

3. For foul language and curse words, there is no warning. Once the conduct occurs, the offending person will be asked to leave the ballpark. If a person refuses to leave the ballpark, the game the person is attending will be forfeited
4. For conduct described in paragraph 2 c, d, and e, the offending party will be asked by the umpire to stop such conduct, and if it pertains to a manager or coach, the offending party will be asked to remain in the dugout for the remainder of the game. If the behavior continues, the offending party will be asked to leave the ballpark. If the person refuses to leave the ballpark, the game the person is attending will be forfeited
5. For behavior that is not observed by the umpire before, during, or after the game, a verbal or written complaint can be filed by any person within the Salmon Creek Little League Board of Directors. A member of the board, or the league commissioner shall obtain information regarding the problem and shall inform the President of Salmon Creek Little League. The President shall immediately schedule a hearing with the Review Committee. The Review Committee shall recommend the appropriate disciplinary actions to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may issue a verbal warning; suspend or terminate managerial or coaching duties; or in the case of a

parent, prevent the parent from attending their child's games. The Review Committee shall address all problems immediately

6. The Review Committee will meet every two weeks during the season to consider all complaints filed with the Board. The offending party will be given prior written notice of the complaint, and both parties will be asked to provide their version of the incident

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If you think you shouldn't say it, then don't!

If you say it, please don't tell us you weren't forewarned