

Greater Johnstown Youth League

Zero Tolerance Policy

GJYL provides a little league program to serve our youth. We strive to provide a positive outlet for healthy activity and training under good leadership. We create a positive atmosphere with community participation and sportsmanship. Our Objectives as board members, volunteers and coaches is to help our children become positive members of society, inspire our children with goals to enrich their lives, and to establish the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and fair play.

Throughout the years the number of negative and violent occurrences at sporting events has been on the rise. Many instances have begun amongst spectators having differences of opinions in many different aspects. GJYL board members, parents, and officials have witnessed numerous instances of hostile behavior from both adults and players. These occurrences have ranged from derogatory remarks to physical altercations, none of which are acceptable behavior.

Therefore, GJYL has instituted a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** towards any participant or spectator at any GJYL event. The end result will ensure that every league event remains safe and positive for all. Please be advised that “**ZERO TOLERANCE**” applies to actions and words directed toward any participant or spectator at league events including but not limited to:

- Derogatory or inflammatory comments towards umpires, coaches, or players
- Negative and/or abusive comments or actions among spectators
- Threatening physical violence toward a participant or spectator
- Physical assault or contact that may cause bodily injury such as hitting, kicking, pushing, shoving, bumping, or slapping

These actions will result in immediate expulsion from the event, police will be notified if necessary, and there will be a permanent expulsion review done by the GJYL Executive Body. GJYL is dedicated to providing a safe, positive and fun atmosphere for our youth. **Zero Tolerance** strengthens our ability to provide that atmosphere. Please share this information beforehand with any friends, family, or other spectators you may bring to league events.

In the event an expulsion ruling is not followed, the GJYL Board shall have the right to remove any child from the program who is associated with the offender and/or the person not abiding with said expulsion from the field.

Respectfully,

Greater Johnstown Youth League Executive Board