

Battleball Code of Conduct

The SnL Battleball tournament was designed as a safe and welcoming environment for friendly competition and intentional ministry. At this event, we seek to create an atmosphere where students can witness and experience Christ-like conduct even in the midst of competition. As a leadership team, we request that you adhere to the following guidelines, both within yourself as a ministry leader and by holding your students to the following standard. The referees (both Salt 'n Light Team Members and volunteers) have the right to discipline teams as necessary and to approach/correct students and leaders who are not following these guidelines.

- 1. After each game, please come to the center and shake hands with the opposing team.
- 2. Excessive screaming (in celebration, correction, or otherwise) will not be tolerated.
- 3. We recognize that every team has a different coaching style, but we ask that adult leaders (whether playing or on the sidelines) keep coaching to a minimum. This especially includes yelling at students to play a certain way that is not encouraging or congratulatory.
- 4. The referee's calls are final. If you have a pressing question, please approach the referee on your side of the court and ask the question calmly. They may or may not be able to turn over a call.
- 5. Cheating of any kind is not tolerated. However, it is first and foremost the responsibility of the youth leader to be policing their own team. Referees are likely to miss things, and we need your help to keep your students honest.
- 6. Students and leaders are expected to let referees make their calls. Yelling that someone from the other team is out (even if you are correct) will not change the referee's call unless they saw it happen.
- 7. Except in the context of game play, please do not throw the battleballs (throwing it to the ground in frustration, throwing it in the air in celebration, hitting someone after the game is over, etc.)
- 8. Inappropriate language (cursing, sexual comments, making fun of other teams) will not be tolerated.
- 9. Anyone watching from the sidelines must maintain a level of constraint decided by the referees. Excessive volume or aggression will be corrected.
- 10. If a team repetitively violates one or more of these guidelines, Salt 'n Light leadership reserves the right to disqualify the team from the tournament and future tournaments.