

# Abuse Awareness for Adults

## Key Takeaways for Umpires, Assistant Coaches, Team Parents, Scorekeepers, and Field Maintenance Volunteers

### Roadrunner Little League (RRL) Spring 2024

**Note:** Managers, Board Members, and other Volunteers with frequent child and/or parent interactions are required to complete the full course, completion certificates must be uploaded at [rrllsafety.org](http://rrllsafety.org).

#### Purpose:

The purpose of this document is to provide you with the information needed to create a positive and safe environment for all athletes, coaches, parents, umpires, and spectators. By being informed about the different types of misconduct and warning signs of abuse, knowing when and how to report incidents, and being aware of policies that are in place, we can work to make RRL safe for all constituents of the game.

#### Mandatory Reporting:

- Report suspicion or disclosure of abuse to authorities (RRL Board Member or Albuquerque Police Department) is mandatory within 24 hours of acknowledgement.
- No matter if you are sure whether or not the allegation is true, you must always make the report so that precautionary measures can be taken to protect the victim and keep them safe.
- Provide authorities with as much information as you can.

#### Emotional and Physical Misconduct:

- Recognizing and reporting misbehavior to the authorities is the most important way to stop the misconduct from continuing to happen.
- Examples of misconduct include:
  - Bullying
  - Cyberbullying
  - Hazing
  - Harassment
  - Emotional Misconduct
  - Physical Misconduct
- Remember, there are many negatives to these forms of emotional and physical mistreatment, including, but not limited to:
  - Anxiety
  - Depression
  - Lack of self esteem
  - Withdrawal
- Every effort must be taken to prevent misconduct from occurring, but should it occur, the misconduct **MUST** be reported to authorities.

