



How to Run an Effective

VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Violence Prevention Program consists of two components:

- Imagine Peace Contest
- Peace Pledge

IMAGINE PEACE CONTEST

Beyond the playing field, Junior Giants can show off their creative talents through the Imagine Peace Contest by submitting a piece of artwork, a song, or a poem that emphasizes a peaceful community. The winner will be recognized at a homeplate ceremony during Strike Out Violence Day at AT&T Park.

Below are the steps to take to implement the Imagine Peace Contest:

- 5-7 Years Old & 8-10 Years Old** - Create artwork that focuses on an anti-bullying message. Artwork should not be larger than 11x17. **11-13 Years Old & 14-18 Years Old** - Create artwork, a short essay, poem or song with your anti-bullying message. Written entries should be no longer than two pages, double-spaced.
- Incorporate the contest into the First Pitch Orientation Meeting. Set up tables with materials needed for players to draw, color or paint their projects (plain, letter sized, white sheets of paper, crayons, markers, etc.).
- Solicit the help of a local artist or art instructor to help facilitate the contest.
- Invite a police officer to give a short presentation on Violence Prevention at the First Pitch Meeting in order to give players some framework to create their entries off of.
- Each entry must include the following on the back: Full name, address, phone number, age group, and name of Junior Giants commissioner. Please also include the guardian's name and email address.
- Once their artwork is completed, please determine the best 3-4 pieces and send to the Community Fund by the deadline noted in the Player/Player Handbook. Send submissions Giants Community Fund, ATTN: Imagine Peace Contest, 24 Willie Mays Plaza, San Francisco, CA 94107
- Post artwork on poster board to display at the games or around your community center.

PEACE PLEDGE PROGRAM

As Junior Giants, we expect all players to actively support the initiative in Violence Prevention. The Peace Pledge will give Junior Giants the opportunity to commit to “Striking Out Violence” in their community, as well as leading a violence-free and peaceful life.

Below are the steps to take to implement the Peace Pledge:

- The Peace Pledge can be found in the front pocket of the Player/Parent Handbook. (*See attached.*)
- Incorporate the Peace Pledge into the First Pitch Meeting by reviewing the pledge and reading aloud together. This should be done in conjunction with the Commissioner or Police Officer explaining the Violence Prevention program.
- Have all players sign the Peace Pledge. Once pledge is signed, distribute the “Strike Out Violence” wristbands to help players remember the pledge they took.
- Mid-way through the season, instruct coaches to take a few minutes at practice to review the Peace Pledge and check-in with players to ensure they’re upholding their pledge. Then, pass out the Violence Prevention Take Me Out to the Ball Game card to the players that are doing so.