

CODE OF CONDUCT

Sports and Athletics rank very high in popularity with boys, girls, men and women participating in recreation programs. The atmosphere in the recreation setting should be one that promotes fun, fellowship, sportsmanship, and satisfaction. This depends upon the attitudes of all those involved: players, coaches, parents, spectators, and officials.

Codes of conduct are essential in programs of this nature. The adoption of the following codes is a method devised to help develop sportsmanship, character and fair play.

A) Spectators and Attendees

- Spectators and attendees shall conduct themselves in a prudent manner at all games and practices.
- The use, consumption, or presence of any alcoholic beverage is prohibited.
- Riotous, boisterous, threatening or indecent conduct or the use of abusive, threatening, or indecent language shall not be tolerated.
- Unauthorized presence on the playing field shall not be allowed at any time.

B) Coaches and Coordinators

Coaches and Coordinators should refrain from:

1. Use of foul language.
2. Abusing participants.
3. Harassing the officials.
4. Riding of opposition or fans by word or gesture.
5. Permitting an injured player to enter or re-enter a game.
6. Disobeying or attempting to circumvent rules and regulations or the intent thereof.
7. Use of tobacco, drugs, or intoxicants while going on or coming off the field of play, or while on the field of play, be it at practices or games. Such use shall be discouraged at all other times.
8. Misconduct resulting in ejection. Any coach, manager, or player who is ejected (removed) from a game is automatically suspended from the next game his team plays. This rule is not subject to protest or review. (Removal from a game shall be interpreted to include the playing field and the spectator arena). A second offense by the same person will result in suspension from all future team activities.
9. Coaches, managers, and players will uphold the rules and regulations of the League Bylaws and decisions of the Board of Directors. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action or suspension.

C) Participants

Participants shall not:

1. At any time lay a hand upon, strike, or threaten to strike an official, spectator, or another participant.
2. Refuse to abide by an official's decision.
3. Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision by any forceful action.
4. Use unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of an opposing participant.
5. Use tobacco, drugs, or intoxicants while going on or coming off the field of play, or while on the field of play. Such use shall be discouraged at all other times.
6. fraternize with the spectators during the course of the game, but shall remain on the players' bench, in the cheerleading area, or on the field of play.
7. Use abusive or profane language.
8. If a youth is ejected from a game for any reason, they must sit out the next game. A second ejection will result in the suspension from all future activities.

D) Parents

Parents should never:

1. Falsify their boy's or girl's age in order that he or she make a certain team.
2. Urge the coach/coordinator to put their child in the game.
3. Loiter around the players' bench through the ball game.
4. Harass the officials, the opposition, or the Head Coach.
5. Permit their child to participate if scholastic grades are low.
6. Attend recreation practices or games under the influence of alcohol.
7. Allow their children to handle money while working in the concession stand.

E) In-School/Out-of-School Suspension

It shall be the responsibility of the parent to notify their child's Head Coach of school misbehavior resulting in in-school/out-of-school suspension. The Lower Loudoun Boy's Football League's disciplinary action for in-school/out-of-school suspension is non-participation in the team's next scheduled game. If the Head Coach becomes aware of an in-school/out-of-school situation from any source, the Head Coach shall immediately contact the child's parent and upon confirming the receipt of in-school/out-of-school suspension, explain the League's disciplinary action.

