

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The LYAA is committed to providing players a safe, fun, and educational sports experience. The Code of Conduct is a guide for players, parents and coaches to help insure a positive experience for all.

As a Coach you are responsible for your behavior and the behavior of your team this includes the parents and guests. If a player, parent or guest fail to follow the Code of Conduct, the LYAA Board member on the field or the Referee may stop the game and give your team a forfeiture for un-sportsman like behavior. It is unfair that the players may be punished for the adults behavior however that is our only recourse. We can not and will not allow any persons attending the games to behave in an unacceptable manner. Our goal is to provide a positive, fun atmosphere for the players.

1. **NO PETS ALLOWED AT PRACTICE OR AT GAMES.**
2. **NO TOBACCO OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED AT PRACTICE OR AT GAMES.**
3. **NO DRUGS UNLESS MEDICALLY AUTHORIZED.**
4. **NO THREATING OR VIOLENT BEHAVIOR ON OR OFF THE FIELD!**
5. **NO WEAPONS OF ANY KIND AT PRACTICE OR AT GAMES.**
6. **NO FOUL LANGUAGE** this includes cursing, racial slurs and insults directed at any participant or official. Any coach, player or spectator acting in this manner will be asked to leave. If they refuse, the police will be called and if necessary, they will be removed from the area. The team associated with the offensive person may be issued a forfeiture of game or games.
7. LYAA equipment is to be used in the manner in which it was intended to be used and must be protected from loss, misuse or damage. **DO NOT ALLOW YOUR PLAYERS TO THROW THERE GEAR AND DO NOT ALLOW THEM TO SIT ON THE HELMETS.** The facemask was not put on your players helmet as a handhold for anyone including you.
8. Any alterations to equipment must be approved by the LYAA Board and accompanied by a Medical note from a Doctor confirming the need for the alteration.
9. **The LYAA does not provide insurance for participants.** Parents of the participant assume all responsibility for their childrens participation.
10. Any concerns about the program, contact a Board member, Officials or Coaches should be brought to the immediate attention of a Board Member. It is their responsibility to address the issue and return to you with an answer. The first step is your Grade Commissioner.
11. No UN-sportsman like behavior this includes taunting, name calling, bad mouthing, Foul language, CHOP BLOCKS, or show boating.
12. **DONT TEACH OR ALLOW ANY UN-SPORTSMAN LIKE BEHAVIORS!**

Coaches who violate these rules of conduct will be subject to removal as coach. **As a coach we expect and require that you be an example of GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.**

Remember this league is about learning. The Players are learning the game as players. You are learning the game as a coach. Many of our Referees are learning the game as referees. There is no reason to subject any participant or referee to abusive behavior. It will not be tolerated and will result in the removal of the offensive person this includes you.

Many of our referees are former LYAA players and now play High school ball. They will make mistakes and so will you. **DO NOT HARASS OR ABUSE THE REFEREES.**