

# **Livingston County Area Junior Football League**

## **Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct**

One of the goals of the Livingston County Area Junior Football League (LCAJFL) is to provide a safe, fun learning environment for the youth of our community. We strive to create an opportunity for kids to work together as a team toward common goals. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork and respect for authority figures (League Officials, Coaches, and Game Officials), players and other spectators.

LCAJFL will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, referees, or players from any Parent, Player, or Spectator. Parents and spectators, just as players and coaches, are expected to abide by the code of conduct described here at all LCAJFL events. While most of the adults and children in the program will abide by this code without being instructed, it is being published to protect the children, the integrity of our program, and emphasize the values of LCAJFL.

### **Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct**

As a parent or spectator, I will:

1. Support the coaches, players, and/or cheerleaders and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. Support my child's team and help my child and LCAJFL make athletic contests a positive educational experiences
3. Direct constructive criticism of my child's team program to the head coach and/or association officials at an appropriate time. I will work toward a positive result for all concerned.
4. Accept decisions of the game officials (including coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games; their decisions are final.
5. Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
6. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students that are physically and mentally alert.
7. Strive to make every football/cheerleading activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health by being present to support the children.
8. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
9. Stay behind the designated spectator line during a game.
10. Be responsible for the actions and conduct of any guests that I bring to any LCAJFL event.

As a parent or spectator, I will not:

1. Interfere/interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices.
2. Criticize officials or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority.
3. Criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior.
4. In any way at any LCAJFL game or practice or any LCAJFL event conduct myself in a manner that fails to demonstrate good sportsmanship and compliance with the spirit of this code of conduct.

**Consequences of Behavior**

At any LCAJFL event, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, or LCAJFL official will be asked to leave the event. If the spectator fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the spectator.

Any adult that conducts his or herself in a manner not consistent with the spirit of this code of conduct may be banned from LCAJFL events for the remainder of that season and any future season.

Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, LCAJFL official, player, participant or another spectator will be banned from LCAJFL. After one year, the parent may apply for re-instatement. LCAJFL may, at its discretion, lift the ban. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.

By signing my name below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms of this code of conduct and agree to abide by this code of conduct and accept the consequences should I violate this code of conduct.

(One signature required for each LCAJFL family)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_