



Parents Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators the following Code of Conduct has been established. It is the obligation of all program administrators, coaches, parents, and players to create an environment that promotes this objective. Those who willfully violate this code will jeopardize their participation in the Los Angeles International Football/Soccer Club.

Relationship with Coaches!

LAIFC coaches will not place the value of winning over the development, safety, and welfare of our players. Each player will be treated with respect at all times – win, lose or draw. Under no circumstances will a coach intimidate or disparage a player. The same is expected of parents. There will be many instances that a coach makes a decision that the player may not understand, but they must still respect this decision and trust it is in the name of proper development.

Under no circumstances should a parent publicly address/criticize our coach or the opposing team's staff. Coaches should not have to spend time disciplining unruly or uncooperative children. They will speak to the parents immediately in order to remedy the situation. If the behavior persists, coaches have the right to reduce playing time or require a misbehaving player to sit out a game. In all cases, the coach should keep the appropriate Age Director and parents informed of the situation and ask for assistance, as necessary.

Parental expectations!

The parent's role is one of support to the players, coaches and club.

- Parents should not engage in “coaching” from the sidelines, criticize players, coaches or game officials or try to influence the makeup of the team at any time.
- Parents are not permitted to approach the coach about playing time directly after the completion of any game. Parents are permitted to contact the coach 24 hours after the last game to discuss their child's playing time or other



issues. If the matter cannot be resolved between the coach and the parent, then the sporting director can be brought in to help resolve any concerns or issues.

- At no time should a parent approach the coach during a game. All parents should stay on the opposite side of the field at all times. No parent should come onto the field for any reason during the game.
- Players have more need for good examples than for criticism. Attempt to relieve the pressure of the competitions, not increase it.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not openly question an official's judgments or honesty. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship.
- Accept the results of each game. Encourage your child to be gracious in victory, and to see defeat as a learning experience by working towards improvement. Losing is part of a player's development and it can be useful for players to learn about character and discipline among other things.
- The game is for the players not the adults.
- Encourage your players to always play by the rules.
- Treat coaches, other players and game officials, administrators and opposing fans with respect at all times, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- Allow the coach to be the only coach. You might be telling your child to do the exact opposite of what the coach has told him or her to do, and this will only frustrate the player and can have a negative effect on their performance.
- Refrain from any activity or conduct that may be detrimental or reflect adversely upon the LAIFC or its members or programs.
- Parents will follow all Association rules, respecting at all times the property of others.
- Parents shall not permit their child to violate any bylaw, rule, or policy of UYSA or the applicable Member Organization.

Parents shall respect the methods employed by the club to ensure proper implement of the Laws of the Game, the rules of the competition, or the policies of UYSA to pursue review of decisions by match or competition officials. All such decisions are approved by the Sporting Director and/or Club Director.



I agree that if I fail to abide by the above code of conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include verbal or written warning by official, head coach, LAIFC management and/or head of league organization, including suspension.

Parent's name _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____

