

**LAA**  
**(Lafayette Amateur Athletics, Inc.)**

**Code of Conduct**

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. Therefore it is essential for parents, coaches and spectators to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore parents, coaches and spectators involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

Anyone who fails to conform their conduct to the following code of conduct while attending, coaching or participating in an LAA youth sports event will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

- 1.) Verbal warning issued by the league or organization.
- 2.) Written warning issued by the league or organization.
- 3.) Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by the league or organization.
- 4.) Suspension from multiple youth sports events by the league or organization.
- 5.) Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the league or organization.
- 6.) Permanent suspension issued by the league or organization.

Article X of the corporation bylaws governs procedures for disciplinary action. However, if there is insufficient time to address a particular infraction before the requisite two-thirds of the Executive Board, temporary action, if need arises, may be taken by a coach or other official LAA member, if in their discretion, some form of immediate response is deemed necessary.

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**Coaches Code of Conduct**

**As a coach, I recognize that I am a role model for the teams and all participants involved in the activity, and that sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self worth, skill building and sportsmanship. As such, I am committed to abide by the following:**

- 1.) Place the emotional and physical well being of participants ahead of any personal desire or external pressure to win.**
- 2.) Do my best to provide a fun, safe playing environment for all participants.**
- 3.) Lead by example by demonstrating fair play, respect and sportsmanship to all involved.**
- 4.) Provide an enjoyable environment for all participants that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, profanity and/or abusive language and will refrain from their use at all events.**
- 5. Respect the game and league officials and communicate with them in an appropriate manner.**
- 6.) Recognize that children learn differently and have different abilities and adapt practices and learning activities to the needs of the team.**
- 7.) Exhibit praise when teaching, emphasizing the children's efforts and not the outcome of the game.**
- 8.) Ensure that all children have an equitable playing experience consistent with rules of the LAA and any applicable league rules.**

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**Players Code of Conduct**

**As a player, I recognize that I must follow these rules to participate in LAA sporting activities:**

- 1.) I will play for fun, work hard to improve my skills and support my teammates, opponents and coaches.**
- 2.) Respect the game, play fairly and follow its rules and regulations.**
- 3.) Show respect for authority to the officials of the game, the coaches other participants, and all spectators.**
- 4.) Demonstrate good sportsmanship, before, during and after the game.**
- 5.) Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.**
- 6.) Refrain from arguing with an official's decision.**
- 7.) Respect the privilege of the use of equipment and facilities.**

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**Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct**

**As a parent/guardian, I recognize that parents/guardians are the most important role models for their children, and that sports help develop a sense of teamwork, self worth and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:**

- 1.) Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games, practices and other events.**
- 2.) Place the well being of my child before a personal desire to win.**
- 3.) Advocate a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and/or profanity and refrain from their use during youth sporting events.**
- 4.) Encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of the other players, coaches, fans and officials.**
- 5.) Respect practice and games schedules and make every effort to ensure my child arrives on time.**
- 6.) Refrain from arguing with an official's or coaches decision.**
- 7.) Promote an enjoyable environment for all participants that are free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, profanity and/or abusive language and will refrain from their use at all events.**
- 8.) Remember that children participating in youth sports is for fun and to develop their skills and sense of teamwork.**