



Code of Conduct

Lambeth Youth Soccer (LYS) encourages a culture of positivity, inclusivity, and respect. Our code of conduct serves to guide not only our players and coaches but also the parents, and supporters of our soccer program. The Lambeth Youth Soccer Executive and all Club members will work to uphold the principles of fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship as outlined by the Ontario Soccer Association.

Coaches Code of Conduct

The coach-athlete relationship is a privileged one and coaches must recognize their position in helping to create and ensure a safe and positive sporting environment. Coaches have a special responsibility to respect and promote the rights of participants who are in a vulnerable or dependent position and less able to protect their rights.

As a coach for Lambeth Youth Soccer, you are committed to upholding the principles of fair play, sportsmanship, and positive conduct. The role of a coach is more than teaching soccer skills; it includes being a role model for our players and promoting a positive and inclusive environment for all.

1. Respect for All Individuals:

- a. Treat all players, parents, officials, and fellow coaches with respect and dignity, regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or ability.
- b. Promote an inclusive and welcoming environment for everyone involved in the Lambeth Youth Soccer Club.

2. Fair Play:

- a. Emphasize the importance of fair play, honesty, and integrity to all players.
- b. Ensure that all players have equal opportunities to participate and develop their skills.

3. Player Development:

- a. Focus on the holistic development of players, including their physical, mental, and social well-being.
- b. Provide constructive feedback and encouragement to help players improve their skills and confidence.

4. Communication:

- a. Maintain open and transparent communication with players, parents, and LYS Executive.
- b. Encourage positive communication and discourage any form of verbal or physical abuse from players, parents or officiants.
- c. Act in a sportsmanlike manner and do not engage in violent behavior, foul language, or offensive gestures.

5. Safety and Well-being:

- a. Prioritize the safety and well-being of all players under coaches' supervision.
- b. Adhere to all safety protocols and guidelines set forth by the club and relevant soccer governing bodies.
 - a. Concussion Protocol, Rowan's Law
(https://www.coachesontario.ca/programs-resources/concussion/#jumplink_rowans_law)

6. Conflict Resolution:

- a. In the event of conflicts, address them promptly and constructively.
- b. Seek guidance from the LYS Executive and/or Division Convenor through appropriate channels to resolve conflicts that may arise during the season.

Enforcement of Coach Code of Conduct

Enforcement of the Coach Code of Conduct is the responsibility of the LYS Executive. Any allegation of a violation of the Coach Code of Conduct must be made in writing to the Executive. The Coach will be informed in writing of the allegation and the Executive will determine if the allegation is substantiated. If it is, then penalties will vary according to the seriousness of the allegation, and whether there have been previous violations, and will range from a written warning to dismissal.

Athletes Code of Conduct

As a member of the Lambeth Youth Soccer Club, all players must understand the importance of representing themselves, their team, and the club with the highest standards of sportsmanship,

respect, and commitment. Committing to uphold the values of fair play, teamwork, and positive conduct.

- a. Report any medical problems in a timely fashion.
- b. Participate and appear on time and prepared to participate to their best abilities in all games and practices.
- c. Adhere to Ontario Soccer Association (OSA) requirements regarding clothing and equipment.
- d. Never ridicule other participants for poor performance or practice.
- e. Act in a sportsmanlike manner and do not engage in violent behavior, foul language, or offensive gestures.

Enforcement of Athlete Code of Conduct

Enforcement of the Athlete Code of Conduct is the responsibility of the Team Coach and any allegation of a violation of the Athlete Code of Conduct must be reported to the LYS Executive. The Player will be informed in writing of the allegation and the LYS Executive will determine if the allegation is substantiated. If it is, then penalties will vary according to the seriousness of the allegation, and whether there have been previous violations, and will range from a written warning to dismissal.

Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent or guardian of a player in the Lambeth Youth Soccer Club, you are an important part of creating a positive and supportive environment for all participants. All parents or guardians shall commit to upholding the values of sportsmanship, fair play, and respect for others. The role is integral in creating a positive experience for every child.

1. Respect for All Individuals:

- a. Treat players, coaches, officials, and other parents with respect, courtesy, and consideration, regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, religion, or ability.
- b. Refrain from engaging in any form of verbal, physical, or online abuse

2. Positive Support:

- a. Encourage and support your child and their teammates positively, focusing on effort and improvement rather than solely on outcomes.
- b. Refrain from making negative comments about players, coaches, or officials during games and practices.

3. Communication:

- a. Maintain open and respectful communication with coaches, fellow parents, and LYS Executive
- b. Address concerns or issues through appropriate channels, avoiding public criticism and negative confrontation.

4. Sideline Behavior:

- a. Support the club's commitment to a positive and respectful sideline atmosphere.
- b. Refrain from coaching or instructing players during games, allowing the coaches to fulfill their role.
- c. Refrain from yelling at/questioning the game officials and respecting the calls made during the game. Do not engage in violent behavior, foul language, or offensive gestures.

5. Respect for Rules and Decisions:

- a. Respect the rules of the game and the decisions made by officials, even if you disagree with them.
- b. Model good sportsmanship by acknowledging and accepting both victories and defeats with grace.

6. Safety and Well-being:

- a. Prioritize the safety and well-being of all players, including your child.
- b. Adhere to and support all safety protocols and guidelines set forth by relevant soccer governing bodies.

7. Conflict Resolution:

- a. In the event of conflicts, address them through proper channels with the LYS Executive, seeking resolution calmly and constructively.
- b. Avoid confrontations with coaches, officials, and other parents during or immediately following games and practices.

8. Promoting a Positive Environment:

- a. Contribute to a positive and inclusive environment by fostering a sense of community and support among parents and players.
- b. Celebrate the achievements and efforts of all players.

Enforcement of the Parent Code of Conduct

Enforcement of the Parent Code of Conduct is the responsibility of the Team Coach and any allegation of a violation of the Parent Code of Conduct must be reported to the LYS Executive. The Parent will be informed in writing of the allegation and the Executive will determine if the allegation is substantiated. If it is, then penalties will vary according to the seriousness of the allegation, and whether there have been previous violations, and will range from a written warning to dismissal.

Adherence to this code of conduct is essential to the success and positive culture of the Lambeth Youth Soccer club. Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including restrictions on attendance at games and events.