

LFC Coaches' Code of Conduct

Coaches serve a number of important roles: teacher, role model, mentor, and trainer. Good coaches are always looking for ways to provide athletes with the mental and physical tools that will equip them to learn, to win, and to uphold the spirit of sportsmanship. To ensure the quality of coaches, LFC has formulated a Coaches' Code of Conduct. We ask each of our coaches to:

1. Treat each player as an individual to help them to reach their full potential.
2. Promote fair play and show respect for other team's players and coaches. Accept both the guidelines and the spirit of the rules that define and govern soccer.
3. Keep up with the latest coaching techniques and seek continual improvement.
4. Provide players with a safe environment. Check to make sure both equipment and facilities are safe. Do not over train players
5. Ensure training and competitions are suitable for the age and fitness level of the players.
6. Let players know the benefits of participating in soccer and encourage them to participate in sports throughout their lives.
7. Work to maintain the athletes' interest and promote their enthusiasm towards soccer.
8. Always lead by example.
9. Avoid any form of discrimination towards your players, including but not limited to sex, race and disability. Treat each player fairly.
10. Refrain from all forms of harassment of others, including but not limited to verbal, physical, emotional or sexual.
11. Always respect the officials and their authority during games.
12. Communicate with the parents on your team and inform them of team rules, practices and games.
13. Never use profanity, abusive language or threatening behavior toward any player, parent, coach or official.
14. Place the well-being and safety of the player above the development of their performance.
15. Encourage a drug, alcohol, tobacco-free environment for all participants. Actively avoid the use of drugs and tobacco and the consumption of alcohol when your team is present.
16. Provide the players and parents with a written evaluation at the end of each season of play.

Coaches are strongly encouraged to adhere to the LFC Coaches' Code of Conduct. Coaches who violate the Code of Conduct may be disciplined or removed from coaching in LFC. Please sign below to acknowledge you have read and understand the LFC Coaches Code of Conduct.

Coaches Signature

Date

Director of Coaching Signature

Date