

LSYS Coaches, Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct Policy:

Coaches, Parents and Spectators shall abide by the Lampeter-Strasburg Youth Soccer (LSYS) Rules, Policies and Guidelines, the laws of the game, EPYSA's guidelines, and its affiliates.

Parents are expected to support their child, their respective team, the coaches, and club. Parents are expected to share in the responsibility to monitor and enforce the actions of their guest.

Parents and spectators shall:

1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during, and after a practice or game. Also demonstrate and support positive attitudes toward all players and opponents. Be respectful to all players, opposing teams and coaches, and referees.
2. Support their child's coaching staff on and off the field. Coaches have discretion for playing time and decide player positions per the club by-laws.
3. Refrain from coaching from the sidelines during practices and/or games. When children receive direction from both sides of the field, it can cause confusion for the player.
4. Realize that the players you are watching during a game are not professional players. They are children just trying to learn, to have fun, and to play a game of soccer.
5. Tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs shall not be present during any team activity.
6. Refrain from any comments towards a referee before, during, or after a game.
7. Cooperate with the coaching staff to get your child to practice and games at the specified time as stated by the coach. Also, cooperate in picking your child up from practice and games in a timely manner.
8. Do their best to make athletic participation fun for their child.
9. Discuss concerns or issues of disagreement with their child's coach first. It is suggested and expected that a discussion of disagreement be held away from other team members and parents. It is also suggested that the discussion be conducted face-to-face and one-on-one.
10. After speaking with the coach, and, if you are still unsatisfied, contact the age group coordinator, the Secretary or Club Registrar. If after speaking to the age group coordinator, the Secretary or the Club Registrar and still unsatisfied, contact the club President (or Vice President).

LSYS will not tolerate loud or abusive language or comments directed at any referee, coach, player or spectator. All reported incidents shall be investigated by a board member. If inappropriate behavior is substantiated one of the following actions will be taken based on the severity of the incident:

1. Immediate ban for the remainder of the season from all LSYS events and games. Applicable for any direct physical confrontation or threat of physical confrontation before, during or immediately after any practices or games, or
2. A warning letter sent to the player's parent that states the incident of confirmed inappropriate behavior and that such behavior will not be tolerated. Any further instance will result in banning for remainder of the season from all LSYS events and games.

Failure of a parent to abide by this policy will result in the dismissal of their child from his or her team for the remainder of the current season.

Any questions or comments concerning this code of conduct policy should be directed to any active board member.