



COACHES CODE OF ETHICS

I hereby pledge to live up to my coach's certification and to the code of ethics set forth by the LSHMIL.

- I will lead by example both on and off the field demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win. Injured players will be removed from all practices and/or games whose health is questionable.
- I will not allow ineligible players to participate and will bring to the attention of the executive board any information which affect the eligibility of said player(s).
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will reinforce the importance of scholastic as well as athletic achievements.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will be knowledgeable and abide by the LSHMIL rules and regulations at all times. I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children not adults.
- I will make certain that all players are given an opportunity to play the required minimum number of plays according to the LSHMIL game rules.
- I will not run-up the score on a weaker opponent.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use during all practices, games and any other team events.
- I will remember that I am a youth football coach, and that the game is for the children and not adults.
- I will not berate or criticize game officials and will accept their decision as fair. I will not berate a player at anytime.
- I will not involve any children or adults in any dispute or complaint that do not directly involve them personally (i.e., team meetings, phone calls, etc) to discuss disputes or complaints.
- I will only recruit kids to participate in LSHMIL, not to participate on any specific team or squad.
- I will not incite fans or spectators into actions unbecoming the game of football.
- I will abide by any decision of the Board of Directors concerning any matters related to the LSHMIL or its guidelines and procedures.
- I will treat opposing teams, coaches, volunteers, and referees with the utmost respect at all times.
- Any disputes between members of a coaching staff shall be handled in private, away from children and spectators. **Public outburst will not be tolerated!** Disputes of any kind shall be handled in a calm adult manner.

I agree to abide by all the LSHMIL Coaches Code of Ethics as set forth herein and as amended from time to time. I understand that failure to follow the Code of Ethics may result in my immediate removal, suspension or other actions deemed appropriate by the Executive Board of Directors of the League.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____