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Coach • Parent • Staff Code of Conduct

Youth Sports play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of young people who can recognize choices, think about consequences and base their actions on that information. Therefore, it is essential for parents, coaches, spectators, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents, coaches, spectators, and officials involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. The LA Galaxy Orange County (LAGOC) Junior Development League is committed to establishing an environment that is safe and fosters optimal learning opportunities for all our players.

LAGOC has formulated this Code of Conduct and requires that you commit to be responsible for your words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in LAGOC events and that you conform your behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators. As a parent, I will:

- Remember that children participate to have fun and that our game is for youths, not adults.
- Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- Learn the rules of the game and the policies of the program.
- Not force my child to participate in sports.
- Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- Respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- Not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of any of the athletes.
- Promise to work with my child's coach to resolve any problem that develops that is behavior-related that repeatedly disrupts practices and/or games
- Teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Require that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- Teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.



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- Praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard,
- Never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Emphasize skill development and practices, making sure my child is on time and prepared for both practices and games.
- Promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- Demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- Refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. 'Let the Coaches Coach, Let the Players Play'.

All parents & coaches must remain on opposite sidelines pre-determined prior to the game for the duration of the game and will not occupy the area behind either goal. Parents & Coaches are not permitted to enter the field of play unless invited by the referee to attend an injured player.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or LAGOC program director
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental season suspension
- Expulsion of the player from the program



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Zero Tolerance Policy

All individuals responsible for a team and all spectators shall support the referee. Failure to do so will undermine the referee's authority and has the potential of creating a hostile environment for the players, the referee, and all the other participants and spectators.

Consequently, LAGOC has adopted and modified the following rules:

1. No one, except the players, is to speak to the referee during or after the game.
Exceptions: Coaches may ask questions before the game, call for substitutions and point out emergencies during the game, or respond to the referee if addressed.
2. Absolutely no disputing calls, during or after the game, no remarks to the referee to watch certain players or attend to rough play. NO YELLING at the referee, EVER, and no criticism, sarcasm, harassment, intimidation, or feedback of any kind during or after the game.
3. Violators may be ejected and are subject to disciplinary action by the LAGOC Sportsmanship Review Committee.
4. If coaches or spectators have questions regarding particular calls, rules, or a referee, or wish to give feedback regarding a referee, please contact referee's coordinator for the game in question, or contact the program director.

Please understand that this is a learning experience for both players and officials for whom positivity is critical to their continued development. We **will** have youth referees at various levels within our programs as we seek to grow the referee base from within.