

LYA Code of Ethics

Parents will be asked to sign that they have read this Code of Ethics at each registration.

As a member of the Lionville Youth Association (LYA) family, I acknowledge that any violation(s) to this Code of Ethics can result in a suspension, expulsion or loss of good standing from any LYA Sports Program or the LYA Organization.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

- I/We pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child/children participating in youth sports.
- I/We will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sport event.
- I/We will place the emotional and physical well being of my child/children ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I/We will insist that my child/children play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I/We will support coaches and officials working with my child/children, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I/We will demand a sports environment for my child/children that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all LYA sports events.
- I/We will remember that the game is for youths – not adults.
- I/We will do my very best to make LYA youth sports fun for my child/children.
- I/we will instruct my child/children to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I/We will help my child/children enjoy the LYA youth sports experience by doing whatever I/We can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- I/We will inform friends and relatives of this code of ethics when they are in attendance to any LYA practice, game or event.

COACH/ASSISTANT

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- 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 lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.

COMMISSIONER

- I will provide positive support to all LYA youth sports programs in the community; to administer youth sports programs with professionalism and in the best interests of children involved.
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the youth sports administration.
- I will do my best to provide playing situation for all participants.
- I will provide support for coaches, officials and parents to provide a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I promise to keep informed about current issues involving LYA youth sports programs.

PLAYER

- I will encourage and help my teammates at practice and at games.
- I will treat my coaches with respect and pay attention when they are speaking.
- I will play fairly and demonstrate good sportsmanship to the opposing team.
- I will accept the calls made by the officials of the game regardless of the outcome.
- I will treat the equipment and playing fields or gyms provided to me with respect and care.

LYA asks that all parents and friends attending any sports program respect LYA's commitment to insure that every child playing in any LYA program has a positive, fun experience.