
General LYA Policy Guidelines

Listed below are official LYA policies excerpted from the LYA Operational Manual that pertain to coaches, parents and guardians of any LYA sponsored team. It is the responsibility of the Sport Commissioner to see that the coaches fully understand all LYA policies and insure that all coaches get these policies to every parent/guardian. In-place policies are not subject to individual interpretation.

- Sports Commissioners are appointed by the VP of Operations and serve at the pleasure of the LYA Board.
 - All League Commissioners and Coaches serve at the pleasure of the Sports Commissioners.
 - All teams are LYA teams and not the teams of any individual coach.
 - Sponsors, where applicable, are the team names. No other name shall be used. Sponsors are used in baseball (Rookie through Minor A), Softball (Rookie through Senior) and Lacrosse.
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UNIFORMS

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- Only LYA issued uniforms can be worn during regular season and tournament play. All other hats and shirts are prohibited for any reason without Board approval.
- All intramural teams will be issued a standard uniform; depending upon the sport (i.e. shirts, hats or socks), that is to be worn during any LYA, sponsored game. No other uniforms are permitted.
- No team is permitted to add anything to the uniform that sets it apart from any other team.
- All LYA travel or tournament teams will wear only LYA sanctioned or supplied uniforms.

EQUIPMENT

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- All intramural teams will be issued standard equipment necessary for the safe play in each individual sport. All teams will use this standard equipment.
- Personal equipment not supplied by LYA includes - baseball gloves, softball gloves, lacrosse/field hockey sticks, sport shoes. This equipment must meet the standards of the sport being played.
- If special equipment is needed for a player, that equipment must be league sanctioned and conforms to the color and quality of equipment issued by LYA and must have special permission of the Sport Commissioner.

TROPHY POLICY

- LYA provides Trophies to first place teams.
- LYA may provide pins, patches, or certificates of participation or similar items deemed appropriate, by the Sport Commissioner, in certain sports or at younger age levels. A small trophy may be given to those leagues as they graduate to a higher level of competition.
- Each Sport that has a play-off system shall have a League Champion Trophy (not to exceed 12”) and a Second Place Trophy (not to exceed 10”) as a result of the play-off. No seasonal trophy shall be awarded where a play-off system exists.
- **All other distribution of trophies for LYA sponsored teams is prohibited without prior Board approval.**

This policy means that parents or coaches shall not purchase or distribute any trophy to their individual teams. Picnics, pizza parties or similar events are encouraged for post season events.

DISCIPLINE

- Disciplinary action on the part of managers/coaches is not condoned by the LYA; however, recognizing extraordinary circumstances, any contemplated discipline must first be approved by the commissioner of the league.
- Verbal abuse is UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL NEVER be tolerated by LYA as a form of discipline or coaching style.
- Physical abuse of any kind will result in immediate termination. An incident form shall be completed for any disciplinary action.

PARENT CONDUCT

- Parents must sign a Code of Ethics at registration and must abide strictly to its guidelines. This includes criticizing team players or the opposition, using foul language, booing from the bleachers, playing loud music or yelling at the umpire/referee. If these rules are abused, you will be asked to leave the park or the gym.

TRANSPORTATION

“Coaches or any adult acting in any LYA capacity shall refrain from transporting any child alone in a vehicle other than his/her own child without written permission of the parent.”

- In the event of unexpected game conclusion due to inclement or other reason, coaches will remain with team players until picked up by parent, guardian or other pre-arranged transport.

LYA INFORMATION AND CONTACTS

Use of the Official LYA LOGO (L with face in it) is prohibited on WEBSITES or any official correspondence without permission of the Board of Directors. All copy for such material must be submitted in writing to the LYA address (see below) c/o Directors.

- LYA hosts a website: www.chesco.com/~lya where information such as; Upcoming Registrations, special events, Board Members, Sports Overview and Administrative Forms can be found.
- LYA provides an Information Hotline at 610-594-9289. All other – write to LYA, P.O. Box 475, Lionville, PA 19353