

## **LMYFC Coaches Code of Conduct**

Coaches are role models. As such, they shall always conduct themselves so as to maintain the highest principles, integrity, and dignity of the game. The coaches must adhere to both the letter and the spirit of all rules.

### **With regard to Referees/Umpires/Officials**

- I believe that Referees/Umpires/Officials, just as coaches and players, are attempting to do their best.
- I will instill in my players and spectators a respect for that fact.
- I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators.
- I will display a controlled and undemonstrative attitude toward Referees/Umpires/Officials at all times.
- Neither, I nor my players, assistants, or spectators will address a Referee/Umpire/Official before, during or after the game in a confronting or hostile fashion.

Game officials, like coaches and players, are major participants in the game. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and the spectators on their side of the field or court, specifically as it relates to the officials, coaches, players and spectators on the other team. Verbal and/or physical abuse will not be tolerated. The coach shall neither exhibit nor tolerate any behavior from others (assistants, players, and fans), verbal or otherwise, that might reflect poorly on an official. This includes, but is not limited to, arguing a judgment call in such a manner as to incite players and spectators against an official.

### **With regard to the opposing teams**

I believe that the way my team conducts itself can also have an influence, for better or worse, on those we compete against.

- I will endeavor to make my team a positive role model.
- I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
- Neither I nor my assistants, players or spectators will confront opposing players or coaches in a hostile or confrontational manner before, during or after a game.
- I will emphasize winning without boasting and losing without bitterness.

### **With regard to my players**

I believe that my role as a football coach is to contribute to the overall success, physical and athletic growth of the player through active participation in the sport.

- I will endeavor to be a good instructor and a positive role model for all my players.
- I believe that the score of the game comes second to the safety and welfare of my players.
- I will endeavor to put winning in its proper perspective.
- I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the rules of the game.
- I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and the spirit of the rules, as well.

### With regard to the LMYFC

Anyone wishing to report a coach, assistant, parent, fan, spectator, or official that you believe is not following the rules of the game and/or the Coaches Code of Conduct is asked to formally submit in writing via Email or regular mail your concerns. No anonymous letters or emails will be considered for review. All attempts to protect the privacy of individuals writing will be awarded.

Any coach not following the GCYFL Code of Conduct along with the LMYFC Coach's Code of Conduct will be subject to review before the LMYFC Board. Anyone found in violation is subject to removal from coaching duties with the LMYFC. This Coaches Code of Conduct policy is intended to protect the LMYFC organization and to strengthen the brand of football that we are becoming known for on the local, regional, and national level.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_