

## Livonia Junior Athletic League

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As a Player/Participant or Parent/Guardian of a child registered or a Volunteer with Livonia Junior Athletic League (“LJAL”), it is your obligation to adhere and abide by the Codes of Conduct as set forth by the unit, Livonia Junior Athletic League (LJAL). Failure to do so may result in an ejection, suspension, loss of veteran status and/or expulsion from the program. Any individual suspended is prohibited from participating in any league, unit or team activity for the duration of said suspension.

Directors, Coaches, Volunteers and Spectators:

All Directors, Coaches, Volunteers and Spectators will always conduct themselves in an appropriate manner. Cheering and positive encouragement are the only way Directors, Coaches, Volunteers and Spectators are to express themselves during a game. Directors, Coaches, Volunteers and Spectators are also expected to conduct themselves appropriately in the gym, hallways, parking lots and stands. They shall:

- A. Provide positive support, care, and encouragement for the team.
- B. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support to all participants, other coaches, game officials and board members.
- C. Place the emotional, psychological, and physical well-being of the players and other children in the league ahead of any personal desire they may have. They will insist that their team participate in a safe and healthy environment.
- D. Support all coaches and board members to encourage a positive enjoyable experience for all.
- E. Demand an environment that is DRUG, TOBACCO, and ALCOHOL free.
- F. Remember that L.J.A.L. is for the youth, not the parents or coaches.
- G. Ask the team to treat other participants, coaches, board members, parents, and spectators with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- H. Refrain from all vulgar, lewd, profane, or obscene language or gestures.

- I. When directing comments and criticisms to parents, other participants, game officials, and board members, make sure that there are no children around that are participating in the league.
- J. Read the L.J.A.L. rules and regulations. Violations of rules may result in disciplinary action.
- K. Not address players on the opposing team, except for injuries and post-game handshakes.
- L. Not address game officials in an inappropriate manner. Arguing of calls is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
- M. Must abide by all rules in any facility being used.
- N. Children must be always under control. This includes before, during, and after games.  
Children are spectators and must adhere to the same rules as all spectators.

Participants:

Participants are expected to always behave appropriately. This includes not only on the playing field and/or court, but also the bench area, hallways, practice areas, stands, sidelines, dugouts, buildings and parking lots as well.

- A. Taunting an opponent will not be tolerated. This includes verbal taunts and hand or body gestures.
- B. Participants may not use profanity.
- C. Participants may not make threats of any kind to an opponent, coach, official, or spectator.
- D. Fighting will not be tolerated.
- E. Participants will treat game officials with respect. Arguing of calls, throwing the ball, ignoring the referee/umpire's instructions and inappropriate gestures will not be tolerated.
- F. Participants must abide by all rules in any facility being used.

Penalty: The penalty for violating any of these offenses can range from a warning, ejection from the game or practice, suspension during the season and/or expulsion from the sport and/or L.J.A.L.