

LSYC Coaches Code of Conduct

2024

As a coach for the LSYC program, you hold a position of great responsibility and trust. This code of conduct is designed to ensure that all coaches uphold the highest standards of behavior and ethics. By adhering to these guidelines, you will help provide a positive and safe environment for all participants.

1. Role Model and Positive Environment

- Demonstrate respect, fairness, and integrity in all your interactions.
- Lead by example, promoting good sportsmanship, discipline, and teamwork.
- Avoid any behavior that could be construed as abusive, neglectful, or inappropriate.
- Foster an inclusive environment that promotes diversity and discourages any form of discrimination or bullying.
- Promote a love for the sport and encourage a lifelong engagement in physical activity.
- Treat all athletes, parents, officials, board members, and other coaches with respect and courtesy.
- Encourage respect among athletes towards their teammates, opponents, and officials.
- Address conflicts and disputes in a calm and respectful manner.
- Ensure all athletes have a positive and enjoyable experience.

2. Safety

- Ensure the safety of all athletes during practices, competitions, and events.
- Maintain an environment free from drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
- Be aware of and comply with all relevant safety guidelines and protocols.

3. Communication

- Communicate professionally and respectfully with athletes, parents, board members, field staff, football staff/coaches, other LSYC coaches and any other persons you'll need to interact with in your coaching role.
- Provide constructive feedback and encouragement to athletes.
- Address any concerns or issues promptly and professionally.

4. Handling of Equipment

- Ensure all equipment is used safely and appropriately.
- Be responsible for the maintenance and proper storage of all equipment.
- Report any damage or loss of equipment to the Equipment Manager immediately.
- Supervise athletes to ensure they handle equipment responsibly.
- Mismanagement or misuse of equipment may result in personal liability and legal consequences.

5. Fundraising Funds

- Manage all fundraising activities with integrity and transparency.
- Keep accurate records of all funds raised and expenditures.
- Ensure funds are used solely for the benefit of the LSYC program in compliance with 501(c)(3) regulations.
- Turn in all fundraising money and expense receipts in a timely fashion.
- Report fundraising activities and financial status regularly to the LSYC Treasurer.
- Mismanagement or misuse of funds may result in personal liability, exclusion from future involvement in LSYC and legal consequences.

6. Training and Development

- Commit to continuous personal development and stay informed about current coaching techniques and strategies.
- Encourage and support athletes in their personal and athletic development.
- Attend all required training sessions, meetings, and events.

7. Compliance

- Adhere to all LSYC policies, procedures, and guidelines.
- Comply with all local, state, and national laws and regulations related to youth sports and coaching.
- Submit to any required background checks and screenings.

This code of conduct aims to ensure that all coaches maintain a professional, safe, and supportive environment for all cheerleaders, promoting the overall success and integrity of the LSYC Cheer program. Coaches are reminded that failure to adhere to these guidelines, particularly in the management of funds and equipment, may result in being held personally responsible, disciplinary action within LSYC and facing legal repercussions.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the LSYC Coaches Code of Conduct, and I agree to abide by its terms and conditions.

Coach's Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____