

# Lehigh Valley Youth Field Hockey League (LVYFHL)

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## Game Day Expectations & Consequences for Coaches and Spectators

### Purpose

To foster a safe, respectful, and positive environment for all participants in Lehigh Valley Youth Field Hockey League events.

### Expectations for Coaches

1. Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship
  - Model respectful behavior toward players, referees, and opponents.
  - Shake hands with officials and opposing coaches following games.
2. Maintain Professional Conduct
  - Use positive, constructive language with players and referees.
  - Refrain from public criticism of officials or game decisions.
3. Support Player Development
  - Emphasize effort, teamwork, and learning over winning.
  - Ensure all players have opportunities to participate and grow.
4. Team Leadership
  - Arrive on time, prepared to lead and manage your team.
  - Reinforce league rules and behavioral expectations with players and families.

### Expectations for Spectators

5. Cheer with Respect
  - Encourage all players with positive comments.
  - Do not shout instructions from the sidelines.
6. Respect Officials and Coaches
  - Allow coaches to coach and referees to officiate without interference.

- Keep criticism or disputes off the field.

7. Promote a Positive Environment

- Avoid foul language, negative remarks, or disruptive behavior.

- Stay in designated spectator areas.

### Consequences for Misconduct

Offense	Consequence
First Offense (Minor)	Verbal warning from league official or umpire.
Second Offense	Immediate removal from the game area for the day.
Repeated or Severe Offense	Suspension from future games, pending league review.
Aggressive or Threatening Behavior	Permanent ban from all LVYFHL events; law enforcement may be contacted if necessary.

\*Consequences are enforced at the discretion of LVYFHL officials and may be applied without prior warning in cases of serious misconduct.\*

### Acknowledgment

By attending or participating in Lehigh Valley Youth Field Hockey League games, all coaches and spectators agree to uphold these expectations to ensure a positive experience for our youth athletes.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to good sportsmanship.