

Code of Conduct & Expectations Sheet

Purpose

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

The Lehigh Valley Youth Field Hockey League (LVYFHL) is committed to promoting sportsmanship, integrity, and player development. All coaches, spectators, and participants share responsibility for creating a positive and supportive atmosphere for our youth athletes.

Expectations for Coaches

Coaches are leaders and role models. The league expects all coaches to uphold the following standards:

Demonstrate Good Sportsmanship

- Model respectful behavior toward players, referees, and opponents.
- Shake hands with officials and opposing coaches following games.
- Represent your team and the league with integrity at all times.

Maintain Professional Conduct

- Use positive, constructive language with players and referees.
- Refrain from public criticism of officials or game decisions.
- Address concerns through appropriate league channels.

Support Player Development

- Emphasize effort, teamwork, and learning over winning.
- Ensure all players have opportunities to participate and grow.
- Encourage confidence, skill development, and enjoyment of the game.

Team Leadership

- Arrive on time, prepared to lead and manage your team.
 - Reinforce league rules and behavioral expectations with players and families.
 - Maintain a safe and organized team environment.
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Expectations for Spectators

Spectators play a vital role in shaping the experience of our athletes. Positive support is essential.

Cheer with Respect

- Encourage all players with positive comments.
- Applaud effort and sportsmanship from both teams.
- Do not shout instructions from the sidelines.

Respect Officials and Coaches

- Allow coaches to coach and referees to officiate without interference.
- Keep criticism or disputes off the field.
- Address concerns respectfully through proper league communication channels.

Promote a Positive Environment

- Avoid foul language, negative remarks, or disruptive behavior.
- Stay in designated spectator areas.
- Model the behavior you wish to see in our athletes.

Consequences for Misconduct

LVYFHL reserves the right to enforce the following disciplinary actions:

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.