



# Lake Grove - Newfield Soccer Club

P. O. Box 251, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

## Coaches' Code of Conduct

### Purpose

Coaches are role models. They play a leading role in helping our children learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. LGN Soccer Club and all coaches must work together to ensure that every player has a positive experience when participating in LGN Soccer. LGN's leadership believes that coaches have a responsibility to inspire our children through the fundamental principles of teamwork and skills while focusing on the fun of soccer. LGN's leadership believes that coaches are, first and foremost, teachers who have a duty to assure that their actions and words promote important life skills and the development of good character in our children.

In line with this purpose statement, LGNSC requires all coaches and assistant coaches to sign this Code of Conduct prior to their participation as coaches with LGNSC. The Coaches' Code of Conduct shall state the following:

### **1. I understand the importance of providing a positive experience and environment for the players -**

As a coach, I understand that LGNSC has given me the privilege and primary responsibility for developing players – not only with regard to their soccer skills but their life skills as well. I will always put their well-being first. I will strive to ensure that the players have a positive soccer experience. I will teach my players basic skills, techniques and strategies, and I will give all my players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence, and develop self-esteem at practice and in games. I will endeavor to be a positive role model for my players. I will arrive on time to practices and games wearing proper I will never ridicule or shout at players when they make a mistake or when the team loses a game.



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In addition, I'm responsible for the conduct of my players and spectators on our side of the field, specifically as it relates to the referees, other coaches, and opposing players. I will demand spectators not yell or complain to referees or officials during or after games. I will continue to stress that spectators should offer unlimited vocal support and positive encouragement for all players after good plays.

**2. I understand that soccer is more than the scoreboard** - I understand that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players. I agree to put winning in its proper perspective. I understand that the children I coach today will remember many of the things I do and say when they are adults. I will show unwavering respect for all players, parents, the officials, and the opponents.

**3. I understand my role as a coach when it comes to opposing teams** - I understand that I represent LGNSC and the community at large. I will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times. I will not coach, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players. I will strive to ensure that neither I nor my players and spectators display hostile behavior towards opposing coaches, opposing players, and opposing parents or family members. I will actively discuss with my players the importance of character, ethics, and sportsmanship. I will be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity. I understand that verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated. I understand neither I nor my players and spectators will display hostile behavior towards all members of the opposite team.

**4. I understand the importance of allowing referees to judge the game** - I will let referees judge the game. I will endeavor to instill in my players and my sideline spectators a respect for referees. I understand that my attitude can influence my players and spectators. I will display a controlled, restrained, and sportsmanlike attitude toward referees at all times. Neither I nor my parents and spectators will address the Referee before, during or after the game in a demeaning fashion. I understand that verbal or physical abuse will not be tolerated.



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**5. I will abide by the laws of the game** - I understand that I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the Laws of the Game. I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the Laws as well. I will never, knowingly or intentionally, violate any provision of the organization's playing time guidelines or other rules and guidelines established by LGNSC.

**6. I understand that I represent LGNSC and the LGNSC community in general** - I agree to conduct myself with dignity and to maintain the highest standards of conduct as a coach with LGNSC. I will always display good sportsmanship and fair play, and I will encourage the same from my players, colleagues, parents, and spectators. I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of my players, and the parents/spectators on my sidelines.

**7. Discipline** - If I fail to comply with this Coaches' Code of Conduct Agreement, or any other rules or regulations enacted by LGNSC, I agree and understand that I am subject to disciplinary actions or sanctions, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion from coaching in LGNSC. By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read this Coaches' Code of Conduct.

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_