

Coach/Team Mom/Team Manager Code of Conduct

*We are key to establishing and upholding the ethics in Springtown Lions Club Sports.
I must be aware that almost all of my everyday decisions and choices of actions have ethical implications.*

1. It is natural that winning constitutes a basic concern for coaches. This code is not intended to conflict with that. However, the code calls for coaches to disassociate themselves from a win-at-all-costs attitude.
2. I must respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person and treat each equally within the context of the sport.
3. I will provide a safe playing situation for the players by ensuring that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability, and fitness level of the players.
4. I must adhere to all guidelines laid down by governing bodies.
5. I must direct comments or criticism at performance rather than the athlete.
6. I must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behavior and performance.
7. I must abstain from the use of tobacco products and alcohol while in the presence of athletes.
8. I must co-operate fully with other coaches, officials, sports teams, Sports Boards and Executive Board Members of SLC, in the best interests of the player(s).
9. Coaches must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (fair play) and never condone violations of the official Sport rules.
10. I must consistently display high standards of behavior and appearance.
11. I shall always exhibit good sportsmanship.
12. I shall always encourage the athlete to exhibit good sportsmanship.
13. I understand that I am a role model for my young players. I must project a proper role model image.
14. I will refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while coaching, or in a leadership role, and/or in SLC Sports attire.
15. I shall behave in such a way that I bring positivity to the SLC organization and to myself.
16. I will show and have professional behavior, always.
17. I will hold, but do not exceed, the number of practices required for the age division.
18. I will Be knowledgeable in the rules of the game and teach these rules to the players.
19. I will refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches.
20. I will Exchange friendly greetings with opposing coaches prior to the start of each game and immediately upon its conclusion.
21. I will accept responsibility for the sportsmanship and conduct of your players and their parents. (Hold a meeting in the preseason to explain and discuss your expectations.)
22. I will demonstrate respect and support for all sports officials, and encourage players, parents, and spectators to do the same.
23. I recognize that at some levels of play, sports officials are sometimes young and inexperienced, requiring even more of my patience and support.
24. I will address all comments and concerns about league officials to your SLC Sports Board

25. I Must refrain from participating in Social Media Misconduct towards any Springtown Lions Club Volunteer or participant. This includes behavior or posts intended towards players, opposing teams, coaches, officials, Executive Boards, Commissioners, and other parents.
26. I will not post or participate in slander. Gossip, written or verbal may result in removal from the SLC league.
27. I will Allow 24hrs after a game/practice to file concerns or complaints as a cool down period for coaches and parents.
28. All grievances from Springtown Lions Club activities should follow proper channels of communication.
 - a. Coaches should discuss issues with the parent or parent liaison.
 - b. If unresolved the issue should be sent to the SLC Sports Commissioner and board, in writing.
 - c. If issue is still unresolved it will be sent to Springtown Lions Club Executive Board, in writing, for further review and final action.
 - d. Issues must be brought to the Springtown Lions Club attention within a reasonable manner of time. Thus, do not wait an extended period to bring complaints forward, so that they can be handled accordingly and in a timely manner.

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I have read and understand the expectations for myself as laid out in the presented Code of Conduct, and I accept the responsibilities and terms listed above. I understand that if I do not follow the expectations as outlined, I will be disciplined or removed by the Springtown Lions Club Executive Board.

Signature : _____ Name: _____

Sport: _____ Team: _____

Date: _____ Received By: _____