

Lampeter-Strasburg Youth Soccer

Lampeter, PA

Code of Conduct

The Lampeter-Strasburg Youth Soccer program has created a **Code of Conduct** to help promote and encourage good sportsmanship, respect for the game, and respect for each other. In order to participate in the program, each participant (players, parents/guardians, spectators and coaches) must agree to the **Code of Conduct** as outlined below. All participants (players, parents/guardians, spectators and coaches) shall abide by the Lampeter-Strasburg Rules, Policies, and Guidelines, the laws of the game, EPYSA's guidelines and its affiliates.

All participants in the Lampeter-Strasburg Youth Soccer program (players, parents/guardians, and coaches) are required to read the **Code of Conduct** and then sign and date the **Agreement Form** in the designated space. By signing the **Agreement Form**, each participant agrees to meet and adhere to the **Standards** as outlined below.

A signed and dated copy of the **Agreement Form** must be returned to the Head Coach prior to the first season game. Any player, who has not turned in a signed and dated form, will NOT be allowed to practice or play with the team until the form has been turned in.

The essential concept of the Code of Conduct is honesty and integrity. Those who adhere to these standards will bring credit to themselves, the team and LSYS.

Standards

Athlete Behavior

- Players will listen to and follow the coaches instructions at all times.
- Players will conduct themselves in a mature and respectable manner at all times.
- Players will respect their teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, parents, spectators, and themselves.
- Players will support the coaching staff on and off the field.
- Players will understand coaches have discretion for playing time and decide player positions per the club by-laws.
- Players will follow the rules of soccer during all practices and games ... cheating will not be tolerated.
- Players may not use foul language (cursing) on any playing field, at any time.
- Players may not verbally harass any other individual or team at any time (this includes trash talking, taunting, hazing, bullying, name calling, and making threatening remarks).
- Players will respect the decisions of the referee, and will not argue with referee calls. All referee judgments are final. Players must be aware that their displeasure can be demonstrated in many ways: voicing an opinion or making other negative motions with other body parts. These actions are treated in the same manner as are negative verbal responses.
- Players may not physically confront any other player, coach, referee, parent, or spectator at any time. This includes following a game's conclusion. Any player who violates this policy will be banned from all Lampeter-Strasburg Youth Soccer functions.

Parent/Guardian Behavior

- Parents/Guardians will promote, encourage, and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
- Parents/Guardians will be positive role models, and will lead by example in actions and words.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend games whenever possible. Parents/Guardians are also encouraged to cheer on the players. However, all cheering must be positive in nature and in content.

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- Parents/Guardians are expected to share in the responsibility to monitor and enforce the actions of their guests/spectators.
- Parents/Guardians are to support the coaching staff on and off the field.
- Parents are to understand coaches have discretion for playing time and decide player positions per the club by-laws.
- Parents/Guardians must let the coaches “do the coaching”. Parents/Guardians will refrain from giving their child advice while he is practicing or playing.
- Parents/Guardians are not allowed to watch the game from the players’ side of the field. In other words, all fans and spectators must remain on the “opposite” side of the field during games (except in the case where grandstands are provided).
- Parents/Guardians will not harass or otherwise interfere with the referee’s ability to officiate or to maintain control of a game. Parents/Guardians are entitled to their opinions on judgment calls, but must keep in mind that all referee calls are final.
- Parents/Guardians are not allowed to harass or otherwise verbally abuse any player, coach, referee or other spectator. Particular attention must be paid to respecting all of the referees assigned to our games.
- Parents/Guardians may not physically confront any player, coach, referee, parent, or other spectator at any time. This includes following a game’s conclusion. Any parent who violates this policy will be banned from all Lampeter-Strasburg Youth Soccer functions.
- Parents/Guardians will support the coaching staff and team by getting your child to and from practices and games at the specified time as stated by the coach.
- Parents/Guardians must agree to comply with the “48 Hour Rule” (see below).

Coaches Behavior

- Coaches will lead by example, and will be positive role models by displaying good sportsmanship at all times.
- Coaches will teach their players the rules of soccer and will see that those rules are followed.
- Coaches will honor the game by conducting every game within the rules of soccer.
- Coaches will not harass or otherwise interfere with a referee’s ability to officiate a game. All referee’s decisions are final. A coach may discuss judgment calls with a referee during a time out or between periods. This discussion must occur in a mature, polite, civil, and non-intimidating manner.
- Coaches will not verbally abuse any player at any time, whether from their own team or from the opposition.
- Coaches may not physically confront any player, coach, referee, parent, or spectator at any time. This includes following a game’s conclusion. Any coach who violates this policy will be banned from all Lampeter-Strasburg Youth Soccer functions.

48 Hour Rule

Parents/Guardians who are upset regarding a situation or circumstance that involved their child must wait 48 hours after the incident occurred before approaching the Head Coach to discuss. This is essentially a “cooling-off” period designed to help reduce emotionally charged on-field confrontations. All discussions and interactions that occur after the 48 Hour period must be conducted in a mature, polite, civil, and non-intimidating manner. This includes all forms of communication (face-to-face discussions, emails, etc). If a resolution is not satisfactory, then the incident would then be turned over to the LSYS Board for review.

Failure to Comply with Standards

The terms of the **Code of Conduct** apply to **ALL** participants in the Lampeter-Strasburg Youth Soccer program (players, parents/guardians, spectators and coaches). Failure to uphold or comply with the **Standards**, set forth above, will be determined by the Head Coach, and any major issues will be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors. If Failure to uphold or comply with the **Standards**, one of the following actions will be taken, based on the severity of the incident:

1. A warning letter sent to LSYS participants (players, parents/guardian, spectators and coaches) that stated the incident of confirmed failure to comply by the code of conduct.
2. Any further incidents will result in immediate ban for the remainder of the season from all LSYS practices and games.

Please sign and date the AGREEMENT FORM (on the following page)
and RETURN it to your Head Coach prior to the first official season game.

<p style="text-align: center;">Code of Conduct FALL 2009 AGREEMENT FORM</p>

The terms of the **Code of Conduct** apply to **ALL** participants in the Lampeter-Strasburg Youth Soccer program (players, parents/guardians, and coaches). By signing the **Agreement Form**, each participant agrees to conduct themselves in a way that will help create a positive culture, a fun atmosphere, and a safe environment for all participants. In addition, by signing the **Agreement Form**, each participant agrees to meet and adhere to the **Standards** set forth in the Code of Conduct.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the **Code of Conduct**, and I fully agree to meet and adhere to its **Standards** for the entire duration of the season:

Player's Name (printed)

Player's Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (printed)

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Coach's Name (printed)

Coach's Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE (ONLY) TO YOUR HEAD COACH.

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ALL OTHER PAGES ARE FOR YOUR REFERENCE.