

## LA JOLLA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE - CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Code of Conduct has been established to ensure the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators. LJYSL is a club, and you are a part of a team within the club, and your actions are not only a reflection of yourself, but the entire organization. Those who willfully violate the code of conduct jeopardize their participation in the LJYSL soccer program.

**Coaches** are expected to:

- Know the official Laws of the Game and the rules of LJYSL, and abide by them.
- Respect the game officials at all times. Refrain from questioning their decisions or challenging their authority.
- Ensure that fans of his or her team exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times and assist league and game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
- Respect the coaches, players and parents of the opposing team before, during, and after the game.
- Take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
- Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
- Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.

**Players** are expected to:

- Show respect and courtesy to officials and coaches by following their instructions and directions.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during or after the game.
- Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoiding the use of abusive or profane language, taunting or humiliating remarks, and/or gestures and physical assault upon another player at any time.
- Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and display sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game and be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.

**Parents and Spectators** are expected to:

- Refrain from “coaching” from the sidelines.
- Show respect and courtesy to game officials, coaches, and players at all times.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful, or abusive manner.
- Cheer for your child’s team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team.
- Maintain control of your emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
- Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game, win or lose.
- Teach and practice good sportsmanship and fair play by personally demonstrating commitment to these virtues.
- Refrain from using any language that would be considered offensive in nature including all forms of profanity

**Violations of the Code of Conduct:**

Violations of the Code of Conduct should be reported to the Director of Recreation. The Director of Recreation will conduct a review and present the findings to the La Jolla Youth Soccer League Board of Directors for subsequent action to be taken. Actions may range from warning, personal apology, probation, suspension or expulsion from the league. As a member of La Jolla Youth Soccer league, each of us is responsible for our actions and will be held accountable for them.