

Livingston County Area Junior Football League and Byron Area Athletic Association Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct

One of the goals of the Livingston County Area Junior Football League (LCAJFL) is to provide a safe, fun learning environment for the youth of our community. We strive to create an opportunity for kids to work together as a team toward common goals. We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for authority figures (League Officials, Coaches, and Game Officials), players and other spectators.

LCAJFL will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, referees, board members, or players from any Parent, Player, or Spectator. Parents and spectators, just as players and coaches, are expected to abide by the code of conduct described here at all LCAJFL events. While most of the adults and children in the program will abide by this code without being instructed, it is being published to protect the children, the integrity of our program, and emphasize the values of LCAJFL.

Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct

As a parent or spectator, I will:

1. Support the coaches and athletes and help teach the value of commitment to the team, sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
2. Support the operation and principals of the Byron Area Athletic Association Program and the integrity of its members.
3. Support my child's team and help my child and LCAJFL make athletic contests a positive educational experience.
4. Direct constructive criticism of my child's team program to the head coach and/or association officials at an appropriate time. I will work toward a positive result for all concerned.
5. Accept decision of the game officials (including coaches) on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials. The officials are in charge of all games; their decisions are final.
6. Exhibit exemplary sportsmanship at all times.
7. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students that are physically and mentally alert.
8. Strive to make every football/cheerleading activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health by being present to support the children.
9. Abstain from being under the influence of or in possession of and/or drinking alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
10. Stay behind the designated spectator line during practices and games.
11. Be responsible for the actions and conduct of any guests that I bring to any LCAJFL event.

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As a parent or spectator, I will not:

1. Interfere/interrupt the coaching staff during games or practices.
2. Behave in any slanderous or malicious manner (verbal or otherwise) which is detrimental to the operation of the LCAJFL or the Byron Area Athletic Association Program or the integrity of the Program and its members.
3. Criticize league officials, game officials, or coaches, direct abuse or profane language toward them, or otherwise subvert their authority.
4. Criticize players, an opposing team, its players, coaches, or spectators by word of mouth, by gesture, or by deliberately inciting unsportsmanlike behavior.
5. In any way at any LCAJFL game or practice or any LCAJFL event conduct myself in a manner that fails to demonstrate good sportsmanship and compliance with the spirit of this code of conduct.

Consequences of Behavior

At any LCAJFL / BAAA event, meeting, practice, or competition, any adult who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, spectator, board member, or LCAJFL official will be asked to leave the event. If the adult fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities may be called to remove the adult.

Any adult that conducts his or her behavior in a manner not consistent with the spirit of this code of conduct may be banned from LCAJFL events for the remainder of that season and any future season.

Any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, LCAJFL official, player, participant, or another spectator will be banned from LCAJFL. After one year, the parent may apply for re-instatement. LCAJFL may, at its discretion, lift the ban. The term physical assault includes, but is not limited to: hitting, slapping, pushing, spitting, kicking, or striking in any way with any part of the body or any physical implement.