

Lampasas Soccer Association Parent's & Fan's Code of Conduct:

All LSA Codes of Conduct are based on the simple concept of fair play, defined by four basic principles:

1. Respect for the rules.
2. Respect for the referees and their decisions.
3. Respect for all participants, including teammates, opponents, coaches and spectators.
4. Maintaining self-control at all times.

It is a condition of continuing Club membership that all members (including Parents and Fans) follow the Codes of Conduct at all times:

- Be your child's best fan and support him/her unconditionally.
- When you take your child home after a match or training session, please be supportive and always focus on the positive aspects of his/her game.
- Develop a responsibility in your child to pack his/her own equipment, clean his/her shoes and take a water bottle (full of water or Gatorade only) to practice and games.
- Respect the facilities at our opponents' grounds.
- Do not criticize your child's coach to your child or other parents. If you are not happy with the coach you should raise the issue with the coach.
- Encourage your child to speak with the coach. If your child is having difficulties in training or games, or can't attend training etc. encourage him/her to speak directly to the coaches. This "responsibility taking" is a big part of becoming a mature person. By handling off the field tasks, your child is claiming ownership of all aspects of the game.
- Help your child to focus on the performance and not the result. Remember - winning is not as important as the performance.
- Support all the players in your child's squad. Do not criticize anyone. Remember – children don't mean to make mistakes.
- Do not criticize the opponents, their parents or their officials.
- Never audibly dispute a referee's decision. They know the rules better than anyone on the sideline. If you abuse or shout at the referee you are breaking the rules of the game and risk generating a fine for the club. In extreme circumstances we could even be expelled from the League, be forced to play all our games away or play without any spectators present.
- Parents must not coach from the touchline during matches or training. Leave this to the manager/coach or you will cause confusion and erode your child's confidence.
- Parents must not enter the field of play.
- Our club motto is "First to the ball! Last to give up!" It is always appropriate to encourage our players to be 'first to the ball' during the game. This is an attribute we would like to foster in every player.

Resolving Problems

Talk to the person privately. If you are upset, we recommend you wait 24 hours and then determine if you want to pursue the issue. If you feel you need further guidance on an issue, please contact the club manager.

I understand that failure to observe this Code may result in disciplinary action either by LSA or by a higher Association within the State, to include being asked to leave the premises. Certain serious infractions (e.g. Referee Assault) will result in a Discipline Hearing, possible suspension from soccer and a fine being levied by the Capitol Area Youth Soccer Association (CAYSA). Paying any such fine is my responsibility.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____