



LJAL Football & Cheer Code of Conduct



As a Player/Participant or Parent/Guardian of a child registered with Livonia Junior Athletic League (“LJAL”) Football or Cheer, it is your obligation to adhere and abide by the Codes of Conduct as set forth in the LJAL Bylaws, as well as the following Codes of Conduct. Failure to do so may result in an ejection, suspension and/or expulsion. Any individual suspended is prohibited from participating in any league, unit or team activity for the duration of said suspension.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS/PARTICIPANTS

As a Football Player or Cheerleader, I understand that I represent the Southeastern Michigan Youth Football Association (“SMYFA”); the LJAL and my Unit. Accordingly, I understand and agree that:

1. At all times, I will conduct myself in an appropriate manner both on and off the field of play, and regardless of whether I am at a SMYFA, LJAL or Unit sponsored event.
2. The use of profanity, inappropriate language or gestures will NOT be tolerated.
3. Engaging in fighting, hitting/kicking, teasing, taunting, name-calling or bullying of any other individual will NOT be tolerated.
4. At all times, I will treat all coaches, my teammates, my opponents, game officials/referees and all league officials with respect, and will refrain from acting in such a way that would not represent myself, my team or my league in a positive way.
5. I will not utilize social media (Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram, MySpace, etc.) to criticize, harass, taunt, bully or otherwise provide negative comments or feedback about any player/participant, coach, referee or game official, league official, LJAL, SMYFA or my Unit. I agree that I will immediately delete any post/comment at the request of a league or Unit official/director.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

As a Parent or Guardian of a LJAL Football Player or Cheerleader, I understand that I represent the Southeastern Michigan Youth Football Association (“SMYFA”); the LJAL and my Unit. Accordingly, I understand and agree that:

1. I will do my best to make athletic participation for my child and others a positive experience, by encouraging good sportsmanship and demonstrating positive support for all players and participants, coaches, game officials/referees and league officials.
2. I will not openly question the judgment or honesty of a referee or game official.
3. I will accept the results of each game, and encourage my child to show sportsmanship in victory and in defeat.
4. I will conduct myself in a positive manner at the practice field and during games. I will avoid the use of profanity, vulgar, lewd or obscene language or gestures. I agree to maintain an environment that is DRUG, TOBACCO and ALCOHOL free at all LJAL, SMYFA or Unit events.
5. I will not harass, taunt or make verbal threats against any player, coach, referee, game or league official.
6. I will not utilize social media (Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram, MySpace, etc.) to criticize, harass, taunt, bully or otherwise provide negative comments or feedback about any player/participant, coach, referee or game official, league official, the LJAL, the SMYFA or my Unit. I agree that I will immediately delete any post/comment at the request of a league or Unit official/director.



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7. I will utilize the “chain of command” in addressing any and all coaching issues, negative or positive, by first discussing the issue with the head coach, and then, if need be, with a director for my Unit. In doing so, I also agree to adhere to the “24-hour” rule, wherein I will wait 24 hours before addressing any issues with my child’s head coach. I further agree that I will direct all comments or criticisms directed to any coach, parent, referee/game official, or league official away from and outside the presence of any LJAL player/participant.
8. All practices are mandatory and unexcused absences could result in lost playing time or participation in games or other league events.
9. I will drop off and pick up my player/cheerleader from practices and games at the time designated by my child’s Unit and/or coach.
10. I will supply all necessary information and documentation for my child to play/participate on or before the deadline as determined by my Unit.
11. I will stay off the track and field and in front of the stands. I will also be respectful to the game being played. No tossing footballs in front of the stands or interfering during the game. Please stay off the track and bordering areas. If you interfere you will be asked to move or leave.
12. There is no refund policy for the LJAL, and should a decision be made that my child will not participate or complete the season, no refund will be given.
13. I will return all equipment/uniforms at the time and location as determined by my Unit and in the same condition in which it was received. Failure to do so could result in lost registration fees from other sports or void future participation, until the issue is satisfactorily resolved by my Unit and/or Sports Commissioner. Equipment/uniforms that are damaged beyond normal wear and tear, may be subject to a replacement fee.
14. I understand that in order for my child to maintain his or her veteran status, he or she must end the season in good standing. Good standing is defined as having participated through the completion of the season, having paid all fees, met all fundraising and volunteer requirements, and returned all equipment in the same condition by the due date as determined by my Unit.

MEDIA USE & CONSENT

As a condition of and in consideration of participation in the upcoming season, I hereby grant my Unit (Livonia Eagles; Livonia Blue Jays; Livonia Falcons; or Livonia Orioles) the absolute right and permission to use my child’s likeness in a photograph, video, broadcast, publish or copyright and use pictures or videos of my child in which he or she may be included in whole or in part, composite or retouched in character or form, without payment or any other consideration. I hereby irrevocably authorize my Unit and its designees to edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish or distribute photographs and videos of me or my child for informational, educational, promotional, or publicity purposes concerning my Unit, to include publication and distribution on websites and social media pages, i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Google+, Instagram, MySpace, YouTube, etc.

In addition, I waive the right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written or electronic copy, wherein my child’s likeness appears. Additionally, I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photographs or videos. I understand and agree that these photographs and videos will become the property of my Unit and will not be returned. I also understand the photographs and videos may be used, published or distributed by third parties without any further consent or authorization from me. I hereby hold harmless and agree to release and forever discharge my Unit, its affiliated leagues, its Directors, its Coordinators, its volunteers, its coaches and/or its agents, from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action which I and/or my child, or any other person acting on behalf of myself and/or my child, may have.