

# Long Hill Recreation

## Youth Sport Code of Conduct

Few youth sports programs are successful without the positive support of parents and coaches. In the effort to provide a positive athletic environment for the youth, volunteer coaches, officials and spectators of Long Hill, below is the Long Hill Recreation Youth Sport Code of Conduct. As a parent and/or volunteer coach, we ask that you abide by the rules and guidelines established.

1. Please read the Youth Sport Code of Conduct and keep a copy for your records.
2. Please sign your child's registration form acknowledging that you have read and understand the Code of Conduct. (Note—online registrations will check the box that states you have read and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct.)
3. Failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines may result in disciplinary action.

I therefore agree as the registrant for my family:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as "booing" and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes, officials, coaches, or spectators.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant(s) for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and teach my child the benefits gained by playing/practicing over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during the games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials and coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at sports events.
17. I will refrain from on-field coaching of my child or other players during the games and practices (unless I am one of the official coaches of the team).

I therefore agree as a COACH or ASSISTANT COACH:

1. I will avoid situations where I am alone with a child other than my own.
2. I will use positive reinforcement rather than criticism.
3. I will not smoke, use tobacco or alcohol products in the presence of children.
4. I will cooperate fully in any investigation of abuse of the children.
5. I will not hit, spank, or slap any of the children.
6. I will not touch a child in a sexual or other inappropriate manner.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- \*Verbal warning from the game official, head coach, and/or the LHT Recreation Dept. staff or representative
- \*Written warning from the LHT Recreation Dept. staff or representative and/or the Recreation Advisory Committee
- \*Parental/Coach Game Suspension (After a written warning)
- \*Parental/Coach Season Suspension (After a Game suspension)

Note: League rules supersede any of the above. LHT Recreation Dept. and the Recreation Advisory Committee reserve the right to include any of the above in addition to an imposed League sanction.