



Lake Villa Timberwolves Football

Coaches Code of Conduct

In promoting the ethics, safety, and spirit of youth sports, the Lake Villa Timberwolves has adopted this Coaches Code of Conduct in addition to any Code of Conduct's imposed by our league affiliations in the respective sport. This Code of Conduct is binding upon all its Coaches. Violations of this Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action against any offender.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct

Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include the following: fighting, verbal abuse, bullying of a team member or dissent toward an official or opponent, racial or ethnic slurs, inappropriate comments or actions that may be construed as sexual harassment, profanity, obscene gestures, flagrant and violent fouls, taunting, "trash talk", baiting, cheating, throwing or abusing equipment, physical intimidation or abuse of an official or opponent, and unauthorized leaving of a team bench area.

Coaches Behavior

- A. Will show the proper respect to all and be held to the highest standards of moral conduct and character both on and off the field.
- B. Will not at any time push, shove, punch, kick, fight or be guilty of physical contact as an Aggressor upon any official, player, cheerleader, coach or spectator.
- C. Will not verbally abuse or threaten any official, coach, player or others.
- D. Will not harass or bait any official, player, coach, cheerleader, spectator or other(s).
- E. Will not use alcohol, tobacco products or illegal narcotics in front of players/cheerleaders during practices, games or team sponsored events or be present during practices, games, team-sponsored events under the influence of these substances. This rule applies any time a coach is representing the Lake Villa Timberwolves.
- F. Will show the same respect that is due to all participants, including: other coaches, players, cheerleaders, spectators and league officials.
- G. Will not act in any way that is detrimental to themselves, their team, or the Lake Villa Timberwolves.
- H. Will inform the Board of Directors of any rule violation by other coaches, players, cheerleaders, managers, spectators or other(s).

Coaches Responsibilities

- A. Will encourage good sportsmanship from players, coaches, officials and parents at every game, practice and activity by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
- B. Will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- C. Will prioritize to ensure participation in all required Timberwolves coaching activities, including practices, games, the Kick-off Classic, awards assembly, equipment hand-out and other activities.
- D. Will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- E. Will be knowledgeable in the rules of football, the Lake Villa Timberwolves and any affiliated leagues, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- F. Will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that I teach.

Disciplinary Action

The Board of Directors of the Lake Villa Timberwolves shall have the power to impose any disciplinary action(s) it deems necessary and appropriate for those who fail to abide by the Lake Villa Timberwolves By-laws and Code of Conduct. Disciplinary action can range from a written reprimand to being barred from participation or association with the Lake Villa Timberwolves and its activities and/ or members.

The following and any other acts so deemed by the Board of Directors will constitute grounds for disciplinary action:

1. Striking or abusing physically and/or verbally any official, coach, player, cheerleader, spectator, or other(s). (Immediate removal from the Timberwolves program)
2. Endangerment of any official, coach, player, cheerleader, spectator, or other(s). (Immediate removal from the Timberwolves program)
3. Acting in an unsportsmanlike manner.

4. Failing to actively participate in required activities such as practices, games, the Kick-off Classic, awards assembly, equipment hand-out and other activities.
5. Violating the Lake Villa Timberwolves By-laws.
6. Violating the Lake Villa Timberwolves Code of Conduct.
7. Ejection (removal) from a game.
8. Using alcohol, tobacco products or illegal narcotics at a league game or cheer event.
9. Acting in a way that is detrimental to themselves, their team, and/or the Lake Villa Timberwolves.
10. Conviction of or pleading guilty to theft or illegal taking of funds or equipment from any Organization, including the Lake Villa Timberwolves.
11. Any actions on or off the field that result in a legal conviction of a criminal act as determined by a court of law or other actions that are judged by the Board of Directors to be of such a serious nature that they seriously and negatively impact the Lake Villa Timberwolves Program, the image in the community and present the potential for liability to the Board Members and/or the Lake Villa Timberwolves Program.

Game / Practice / Event Ejection and Suspension*

- A. Any coach who is ejected (removed) from a game or practice is automatically suspended from attending and/or participating in the next scheduled game or practices for a week. This rule is not subject to protest or review. (Removal from a game or practice shall be interpreted to include the playing/practice field and the spectator area.)
- B. A second offense by the same person during the same season and/or during the following season will result in immediate suspension for the remainder of the then current year.
- C. A third offense by the same person will result in immediate lifetime suspension from participating or attending any Lake Villa Timberwolves games and/or any activity sponsored by Lake Villa Timberwolves.

***PLEASE NOTE:**

1. While on suspension, the coach may not attend any practices or games in which any Lake Villa Timberwolves team participates.
2. Those who receive disciplinary action(s) must take the initiative to contact the Board if they wish to appeal. Disciplinary action is NOT delayed in the case of an appeal request.
3. The Board of Directors shall reserve the right to impose any penalties or disciplinary actions it deems necessary and appropriate for violations of the Lake Villa Timberwolves By-laws and/or Code of Conduct.

Specific Activity Requirements

- A. All coaches will be assigned and required to referee games at the Lake Villa Timberwolves Kick-Off. These games will be assigned to you prior to the weekend of the event. The onus is on the assigned coach to switch games with another if a conflict arises.
- B. Coaches for each team will be responsible for coordinating, inventorying and signing off on the return of all player and coaches equipment at the end of the season.
- C. Coaches for each team who play the first game of the day will be responsible for helping to set-up the home fields. Coaches for each team who are the last game of the day will be responsible for helping to tear down and put away the equipment for the home fields.

In signing this, you agree to adhere strictly to this Code of Conduct as well as acknowledging that you have read and understand the Football Operations Policies and Procedures document (Attachment 5 to the LVTYFCL Bylaws).

Name (printed) _____
 SIGNED _____ DATE _____