



Long Island Soccer Club

Code of Conduct

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1. Purpose

Long Island Soccer Club (“LISC” or “the Club”) is committed to providing a safe, professional, and development-focused environment for all players. This Code of Conduct outlines the standards of behavior expected of players, parents/guardians, and all associated parties to maintain a positive culture that supports growth, learning, and respect both on and off the field.

All members, players, parents, and guardians must read, understand, and adhere to this Code. Breach of this Code may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from Club activities.

2. General Conduct Expectations

- All players, parents, and spectators shall conduct themselves in a manner that upholds the integrity, reputation, and values of LISC.
 - Abusive, discriminatory, harassing, or threatening behavior—verbal, physical, or digital—will not be tolerated.
 - Players and parents must comply with all local, state, and federal laws, as well as the rules of U.S. Soccer, MLS NEXT, Girls Academy, EDP, NEAL, NAL, CJSJ, ENYSA and any other affiliated governing body.
 - Members agree not to act in any way that could damage the reputation or operational interests of the Club.
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3. Apparel & Equipment

- Players must wear official LISC-issued apparel for all matches, training sessions, and official Club events unless otherwise approved by coaching staff.
 - Shin guards are mandatory at all times during training and games.
 - Players must bring appropriate footwear, maintain a neat appearance (shirt tucked, socks up), and carry a properly inflated soccer ball to all sessions.
 - Equipment must be used safely and maintained in good condition. The Club is not responsible for lost or damaged personal property.
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4. Attendance & Commitment

- Players are expected to attend all training sessions, games, and team events.

- A minimum of 90% attendance is required to maintain good standing; consistent absences may result in reduced playing time or dismissal from the program.
 - Players must promptly notify the coaching staff in cases of illness, injury, or unavoidable absence.
 - Repeated lateness or failure to communicate absences may result in disciplinary measures.
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5. Medical, Health & Safety

- All injuries or illnesses must be immediately reported to the coaching staff.
 - A medical clearance note is required from a licensed healthcare provider before returning to play following an injury or illness that limits participation.
 - Players and families must keep emergency contact and medical information current.
 - The Club adheres to all applicable concussion, injury management, and safeguarding policies.
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6. Player Behavior and Responsibilities

Players represent Long Island Soccer Club at all times. Expectations include:

- Displaying respect toward teammates, coaches, referees, and opponents.
- Demonstrating sportsmanship, integrity, and teamwork in all situations.
- Avoiding bullying, harassment, or discriminatory behavior of any kind (including in-person or online).
- Arriving prepared and on time for all sessions and meetings.
- Following coach instructions, showing positive attitude and effort.
- Adhering to all travel and hotel rules during away events.
- Refraining from substance use, vaping, alcohol, or any illegal behavior.

Disciplinary measures for breaches may include verbal warnings, written warnings, suspension, or dismissal from the Club without refund.

7. Parent & Guardian Guidelines

Parents and guardians are vital to the player experience. To preserve a professional, safe, and developmentally appropriate environment:

- Support your child through encouragement, respect, and positive reinforcement.
- Do not coach players from the sideline or interfere with staff instructions.
- Refrain from criticizing referees, players, coaches, or other spectators.

- Remain behind designated spectator lines and off the field during practices or games.
 - Do not approach coaching staff about playing time, position, or selection immediately after a match.
 - A follow-up meeting may be scheduled 24 hours later with a Club Director present.
 - Avoid all public commentary on Club matters, players, coaches, or officials on social media or online forums.
 - Encourage and model respect for all individuals regardless of race, gender, religion, or ability.
 - Any threats, intimidation, or harassment toward staff or officials may result in suspension or removal from Club events.
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8. Parent Assistance & Volunteer Roles

From time to time, parents may be asked to assist with logistical or supportive tasks (e.g., organizing carpools, distributing uniforms, or coordinating team meals).

- Such assistance does not constitute a formal title, administrative authority, or staff position within Long Island Soccer Club.
 - Parent volunteers are not “Team Administrators,” employees, or Club representatives.
 - All parent volunteers must follow Club direction and may not make independent decisions, represent the Club publicly, or handle sensitive matters such as player selection, finances, or communication with external parties.
 - Parents may not be present on the player bench or within restricted technical areas during games or training.
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9. Digital & Social Media Conduct

- Players, parents, and staff must use social media responsibly.
 - Sharing confidential Club information, images of minors without consent, or negative commentary about the Club, its members, or opponents is prohibited.
 - Cyberbullying, harassment, or inappropriate online behavior (including group chats) will be treated as a disciplinary issue.
 - The Club reserves the right to request removal of inappropriate content that involves its name, logo, or members.
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10. Training Sessions

- Players must know and confirm training times and locations in advance.
 - Arrival should be **at least 15 minutes before** the scheduled start.
 - Only authorized coaching staff may conduct or modify sessions.
 - Parents are not permitted to interrupt training or enter the field without invitation.
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11. Travel, Away Matches & Lodging

- Players must follow the itinerary provided by the Club and comply with curfew and behavioral expectations.
 - Uniform attire is required when traveling to and from games or events.
 - Use of hotel amenities (e.g., pool, gym) requires prior approval from coaching staff.
 - Players must respect all facility rules and property. Any damage caused will be the responsibility of the individual and their parent/guardian.
 - The Club is not liable for incidents resulting from non-compliance with staff directions or off-schedule activities.
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12. Disciplinary Process

Violations of this Code of Conduct will be reviewed by Club Leadership. Depending on severity, consequences may include:

- Verbal or written warning
- Temporary suspension from training or games
- Removal from travel rosters
- Termination of Club membership without refund
- Reporting to governing bodies or authorities if conduct violates law or policy

The Club reserves the right to take immediate action to protect player welfare, staff safety, and Club integrity.

13. Acknowledgment

By registering with Long Island Soccer Club, all players and parents/guardians acknowledge they have read, understood, and agree to comply with this Code of Conduct and all related Club policies.

Failure to adhere to this Code may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or dismissal from the program, without refund of fees.