



Parent Behavior Policy

1. Introduction

East Lincoln Optimist Club (ELOC) is committed to providing a safe, positive, and supportive environment for all participants, including players, coaches, officials, and spectators. In order to ensure a respectful and enjoyable experience for everyone involved, this Parent Behavior Policy has been established to outline expectations for parent conduct during ELOC events.

2. Expectations for Parent Behavior

Parents and guardians play a crucial role in creating a positive and supportive atmosphere for youth sports. ELOC expects all parents and guardians to adhere to the following guidelines:

2.1. Respect for All Individuals

Parents are expected to treat all players, coaches, officials, and fellow parents with respect and courtesy, regardless of the outcome of the game or event. Disparaging comments, negative behavior, or any form of bullying or harassment will not be tolerated.

2.2. Positive Role Modeling

Parents should serve as positive role models for their children by demonstrating good sportsmanship, fairness, and respect for rules and officials. This includes refraining from using foul language, negative gestures, or any behavior that could be considered unsportsmanlike.

2.3. Supportive Encouragement

Parents are encouraged to provide constructive and supportive encouragement to all players, regardless of their skill level or performance. Cheering for their own team is welcomed, but taunting, berating opponents, or creating a hostile atmosphere is strictly prohibited.

2.4. Conflict Resolution

If parents have concerns or disputes, they are encouraged to address them privately and respectfully with appropriate team personnel, coaches, or the designated ELOC representative. Public confrontation or aggressive behavior is unacceptable and counterproductive.

2.5. Game Environment

Parents should create a positive and enjoyable game environment by adhering to designated spectator areas, refraining from entering playing areas unless necessary, and respecting any facility rules and regulations.

2.6. No Coaching from the Sidelines

Parents should allow coaches and officials to fulfill their roles without interference or unsolicited coaching advice from the sidelines. Trust the coaching staff's decisions and strategies for the benefit of all players.

3. Consequences for Violations

ELOC takes parent behavior seriously and will enforce this policy to maintain a positive and safe environment for all participants. Consequences for violating the Parent Behavior Policy may include, but are not limited to:

Violation Type	Written Warning	Single Game Suspension	Multi-Game Suspension	Permanent Suspension
Foul Language	1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation	4th Violation
Drug/alcohol use		1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation
Ejection from Game		1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation
Police called/No charges		1st Violation	2nd Violation	3rd Violation
Direct Verbal Threats			1st Violation	2nd Violation
Physical harm				1st Violation
Charges filed				1st Violation

This table is not an all-inclusive list of violations. Some violations will be reviewed by the league commissioner and dealt with accordingly. All warnings or suspensions will be decided by the league commissioner and can be escalated to the board of directors for multi-game/permanent suspensions or other unique situations

All violations will be issued Written warnings and recorded by the League Commissioner

Multi-game suspensions can be as many as 2 or the remaining season. This will be determined by the League Commissioner.

All ejections of players, coaches, or spectators mean that the person(s) is suspended from the current game/event. An ejected person must also leave the field area immediately and move into the parking lot and/or leave the property. All ejections are reviewed by the ELOC league commissioner. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the league commissioner or ELOC board may take further action as they see fit.

Any pending legal charges of a violent or concerning nature will result in a suspension that will last until the outcome of the criminal proceedings. If convicted, the suspension may be permanent.

4. Reporting Violations

If any participant or observer witnesses a violation of this Parent Behavior Policy, they are encouraged to report it to the designated ELOC representative. All reports will be taken seriously and handled confidentially.

5. Acknowledgment and Compliance

All parents and guardians of participants within ELOC Youth Sports Organization are required to read, understand, and adhere to this Parent Behavior Policy. By registering their child for participation, parents and guardians acknowledge their commitment to upholding these guidelines.

6. Review and Updates

ELOC reserves the right to review and update this Parent Behavior Policy as needed to ensure its continued effectiveness in promoting a positive and respectful sports environment.

By promoting respectful behavior, positive sportsmanship, and a supportive atmosphere, ELOC aims to create a nurturing environment that encourages healthy competition, skill development, and lifelong enjoyment of sports for all youth participants.