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	<b>Coaching Guidelines</b>	
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**PURPOSE:**

To recognize in Policy & Procedure the Coaching Guidelines that has been established by LCSC.

**POLICY:**

It is the policy of Logan County Soccer Club that the coaches and assistant coaches abide by these guidelines.

**SCOPE:**

Logan County Soccer Club

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

Board of Directors, Logan County Soccer Club, Coaches & Assistant Coaches

**PROCEDURE:**

1. LCSC coaches and assistant coaches must volunteer to coach.
2. The coach and assistant coach must be designated as the coach or assistant coach to specific team(s) in the club's registration system before the beginning of any season.
3. LCSC coaches and assistant coaches must pass and maintain a current background check in order to coach per policy LCSC0040.
4. No person will act as a coach or assistant coach during any LCSC function (game or practice) unless he/she meets the requirements in the above sections. Any violation of the above sections during any game will result in disciplinary actions entailed in policy LCSC0040.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Each coach and assistant coach must sign a statement agreeing to read and abide by the LCSC playing rules, policies, procedures, LCSC by-laws and administrative regulations.

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2. Each coach and assistant coach must ensure that their team's parents and spectators abide by all LCSC playing rules, policies, procedures, by-laws and regulations.
3. Each coach and assistant coach is responsible for maintaining their respect and their teams/spectators respect for the authority of the referee, the assistant referees and the linesmen.
4. Each coach and assistant coach will assist the Registrar in ensuring that their team is properly registered, including acquiring birth certificates, before official roster will be issued.
5. Each coach and assistant coach is responsible for the training and conditioning of their team.
6. Each coach and assistant coach is responsible for conducting practices and ensuring the maximum number of regulated activities is complied with by their team.
  - a. Players are to play a minimum of 50% of every game unless section seven (7) of this policy is in effect.
  - b. Teams are allowed to have three (3) meetings a week. This may entail three (3) practices without a game or two (2) practices and a game. This does not include rescheduled matches.
  - c. Practices for U5 to U10 are not to exceed 90 minutes. Practices for 012 and above are allowed to hold practices for up to, but not to exceed, 180 minutes.
7. Players may have game "play time" reduced, for ages U7 and above, if one of the following occurs. Formal notice and explanation, in writing, must be provided by the coach and/or assistant coach to the LCSC Board of Directors notifying them of the disciplinary action before action is enforced.
  - a. Chronic and repeated failure to attend scheduled practices and/or games.
  - b. A discipline problem that makes it impossible for a coach or assistant coach to adequately conduct practices and/or games.
8. Each coach and assistant coach is expected to conduct themselves respectively and professionally to a referee, assistant referee, linesman, coach, spectator, parent, player or a LCSC Board of Director.
9. Only the coach and assistant coach listed on the official roster is allowed to be on the sidelines with the team during any game.

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**CAUTION AND SEND OFFS:**

1. Each coach and assistant coach is subject to caution and/or being sent off by the referee for misconduct. If a coach or assistant coach is sent off he/she is to exit the premises (LCSC Soccer Complex). The coach or assistant coach, that received the send off, will not participate any further in the game. The progression of the game is delayed until the coach or assistant coach, that received the send off, has vacated the premises. If the coach or assistant coach, that received the send off, refuses to leave the match will be terminated.
2. A sent off coach or assistant coach is not allowed to attend the very next game. If he/she attends that game then the game will be declared a forfeit unless the send off was found unjust by the player/coach committee.

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS:**

1. If the player committee deems the send off justified, the LCSC Board of Directors will deliver one of the following disciplinary actions. Once the disciplinary action is finalized a formal letter will be drafted that will be placed in the LCSC files and the same letter will be sent to all governing bodies associated with LCSC.
  - a. Suspend coaching privileges for one (1) game or more
  - b. Suspend coaching privileges for the remainder of the season
  - c. Suspend coaching privileges for the year
  - d. Suspend coaching privileges permanently
2. A coach or assistant coach who physically assaults a referee, assistant referee, linesman, coach, spectator, parent, player or a LCSC Board of Director will be banned from LCSC and the appropriate authorities will be notified. All assaults will be reported to the City of Guthrie Police Department and all governing bodies associated with LCSC.
3. All disputes about games and misconduct send offs must be submitted within 24 hours of the incident. Refer to policies LCSC0001 and LCSC0002