



Dear LC United Parents,

The safety of our players, their families, and our staff is LC United's top priority. With that in mind we wanted to let you know about the steps our Club has taken to safeguard those we serve.

Today's "Ashley's Laws" governing the registration and prosecution of child predators exist because of the 1993 abduction of seven-year-old Ashley Estell from a crowded, Plano, soccer complex. Please talk with your players and their siblings about the importance of: 1) staying in groups, 2) walking in pairs, 3) situations to avoid, 4) and how to react if they find themselves the target of a child predator.

As a Club, our responsibility to those we serve goes well beyond games and the training ground. More comprehensively, it also includes protecting the well-being of our players, the reputations of our coaches, and the good name of our Club by maintaining high standards for ALL team interactions and communications. To address this, LC United has established the following set of Youth Protection policies:

1. **Coaches Code of Conduct:** LC United is a member of US Youth Soccer. As a condition of employment or involvement with our organization, LC United coaches (and the players for whom they are responsible) must abide by and comply with the USYSA's ([www.usyouthsoccer.org](http://www.usyouthsoccer.org)) [Code of Conduct](#). The guidelines contained therein govern: substance abuse, prohibited activities, sexual misconduct, physical contact, one-on-one interactions, the training environment, communications, travel, bullying, harassment, hazing, and mandatory reporting.
2. **Parent Code of Conduct:** Our Parent Code of Conduct was included in your Select Player Contract.
3. **Player Code of Conduct:** Our Player Code of Conduct was included in the Select Player Contract.
4. **Barriers Against Abuse:** LC United has a two-pronged "Barriers Against Abuse" policy. One prong requires adults to maintain "two-deep leadership," in all interactions with players (other than with their own children). The second prong prohibits one-on-one contact/communications between coaches and players.

Thank you for helping us uphold the standards outlined above in our Club-wide effort to safeguard our players, their families, and our staff. We Are United!

LC United Soccer Club