

Code of Conduct for MBSLA Coaches

The mission of the MBSLA is to "Honor the Game" through respect, honesty and integrity and thereby promote and grow boys' lacrosse in Minnesota.

As a MBSLA coach, I agree to:

- Abide by rules and policies as described in the current MBSLA Bylaws and Operating Policies and current NFHS Boys Lacrosse Rule Book, including rule modifications for youth games.
- Show respect for players, parents, fans, and other coaches.
- Model good sportsmanship at all times—there is always someone watching.
- Treat officials with respect and abide by their decisions—even if I disagree—before, during, and after the game.
- Refrain from publicly criticizing officials before, during, or after games.
- Endeavor to learn the rules in force at the level I coach.
- Never knowingly allow a player to play with a serious injury (e.g., where the player risks further injury by playing) or a suspected concussion.
- Complete online concussion training and provide the certificate to the league.
- Properly prepare my home field and goals to ensure a safe and fair contest.
- Inspect my players' equipment as required by rule, and never allow a player to play without required protective equipment.
- Never teach techniques that are unsafe or which violate the rules.
- Refrain from the use of alcohol (prior to and during the game or practice) and tobacco in any form (at the game or practice site) on the day of the event.
- Avoid violence and the threat of violence of any sort toward any party involved with any MBSLA event, including practices and other team events.
- Never use foul, abusive, or threatening language or gestures or allow or encourage players or fans to do so.
- Prohibit hazing of players in all ways and communicate hazing policies to players.
- Establish team policies to prohibit any form of harassment of any individual or group involved with any MBSLA event (including practices and other team events). This includes, but is not limited to, race, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religion, age, or socio-economic status. Harassment may be verbal, written, graphic, or physical.
- For youth games, understand that the purpose of the league is instructional and developmental.
- Treat all players fairly, and understand that lacrosse should be a positive experience for my players.
- If I am the head coach, ensure all people within the coaching box at games have completed concussion training, signed this Code of Conduct, and provided these documents to the league.
- Complete online evaluations of officials after each game on ArbiterSports.com. These should be as constructive as possible to help officials improve.
- Maintain US Lacrosse membership as a coach.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Phone: _____

League / age: _____ Assn: _____

Head Coach (Y/N): _____