

Parent Conduct Policy

Youth sports should be a fun and educational experience, and we believe that parents play a vital role in promoting a healthy atmosphere for their children. To ensure this, we have established the following guidelines for parent behavior during games.

1. *Respect for Referees and Officials:* Referees are essential to the game, and their decisions must be respected. Parents are not permitted to question or argue with the officials' calls. Any concerns should be addressed with the Branford Youth Lacrosse Board, and we can communicate concerns to the referee associations directly.
2. *Respect for Coaches:* Parents are expected to treat coaches with respect and refrain from interfering with decisions during games or practices. Constructive feedback or concerns are welcome but should be communicated privately and respectfully outside of team events.
3. *Respect for Other Parents and Spectators:* Parents must treat other spectators, both from our program and visiting teams, with kindness and respect. Disrespectful behavior, such as yelling, taunting, or confrontational interactions, will not be tolerated. Parents should remember that they are role models for their children and demonstrate sportsmanship, fairness, and respect at all times.
4. *Respect for Opposing Teams and Players:* While supporting your child's team is encouraged, we ask that parents show respect to opposing players, coaches, and fans. Derogatory comments or unsportsmanlike conduct aimed at the other team will not be allowed. Criticizing opposing teams, players, or coaches is unacceptable.
5. *Appropriate Language and Behavior:* Foul or offensive language, derogatory remarks, and verbal abuse of any kind are strictly prohibited. Parents should focus on cheering for their team in a positive manner. Negative or critical comments directed at players, referees, coaches, or other parents will not be tolerated.
6. *No Alcohol or Drug Use:* Consumption of alcohol or drugs at any youth lacrosse event is strictly prohibited. This includes during games, practices, or any other team-related activities.

Enforcement and Consequences:

1. *Warning for First Offense:* A coach or program official may issue a verbal or written warning to any parent who violates this policy.
2. *Removal from the Field:* If inappropriate behavior continues, the parent may be asked to leave the game or event.
3. *Suspension from Future Games:* Depending on the severity of the behavior, repeated violations of this policy may result in the parent being banned from attending future games for the remainder of the season or indefinitely.
4. *Impact on Player Participation:* Continued misconduct from a parent may result in consequences for the player, including suspension from games or practices.

BRANFORD YOUTH LACROSSE POLICY

By registering your child to play at Branford Youth Lacrosse, you are acknowledging this Parent Conduct Policy. By doing so, you are committing to upholding the values of respect, sportsmanship, and support for all participants in the program.

Thank you for helping us create a safe, positive, and respectful environment for all children to enjoy the game of lacrosse.