



CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, coaches, spectators and parents are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials and spectators. In becoming a member of the lacrosse community an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse and its participants. The essential elements in this "Code of Conduct" are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to youth sports in the United States and around the world. USA Lacrosse and the Mid Penn Youth Lacrosse League support the following behaviors for those participating or involved in any way with USA Lacrosse and youth lacrosse in general:

- *The essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be adhered to.

- *Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.

- *The emphasis on winning should never be placed above the value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play or the skills of the game.

- *The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.

- *Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as with adults.

- *Officials are expected to conduct themselves as professionals and in a manner that demonstrates courtesy and fairness to all parties while exercising their authority on the field.

- *Adults involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official.

* Knowledge of the Rules of Lacrosse must be respected and adhered to by all who participate in the game of lacrosse, both in the letter and the spirit of the game. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.

We understand that there will be times that a call may not go our way or there may be a player who gets upset. **Under NO circumstances, will any of the following be tolerated:**

Offensive language, helmet hitting, poor attitudes towards other players, coaches or referees, throwing of any equipment, etc. If any of these actions take place, the discipline guidelines are as follows:

- 1st offense – will result in not playing in the current or upcoming game
- 2nd offense – will result in not playing the following 2 games
- 3rd offense – will result in dismissal from the club pending a board hearing

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Player

Date

Printed Name of Player

These are general guidelines but we leave the exact discipline up to the coach's discretion. The board has the final say and the right to dismiss any player from the club at any given time with no refund.