



In Conjunction with



Parent Sportsmanship Understanding

The goal of the Novato Lacrosse Club (NLC) is to provide a positive and supportive environment in which players develop their lacrosse skills and knowledge. In order to achieve this goal, NLC requires all parents/guardians to display good sportsmanship and support while their child participates as a youth athlete within the NLC.

As stated by US Lacrosse, the sport of lacrosse has recently seen a rise in the number of incidents of unsportsmanlike spectator behavior occurring at youth lacrosse games. In response, the US Lacrosse Youth Council has developed a Sportsmanship Card Program. Simply put, field marshals observe spectator behavior throughout the games. If unsportsmanlike behavior is observed, the field marshal provides the spectator with the US Lacrosse Sportsmanship Card. The NLC is piloting this program for the 2010 season.

HONOR THE GAME OF LACROSSE!

Respect the ROOTS of Positive Play

Side 1

Rules: We refuse to bend the rules to win

Opponents: A worthy opponent is a gift that brings out our best

Officials: Show respect even when we disagree

Teammates: Never do anything to embarrass our team

Self: We live up to our own standards even when others don't

HONOR THE GAME

Please rethink your actions.

Your current behavior is contrary to the high level of sportsmanship expected of fans and participants at all events sponsored by the Novato Lacrosse Club.

Side 2

THIS EVENT MAY BE TERMINATED IF YOUR CONDUCT DOES NOT IMPROVE.

As a parent/guardian within the Novato Lacrosse Club, it is expected that the highest level of sportsmanship will be demonstrated while observing all youth lacrosse events. In representing yourself and others as a spectator and fan, it is the parent's/guardian's obligation to honor and respect the game. In addition, there must also be a commitment by the parent/guardian to support the coaches and players in a positive manner throughout the season.

The Novato Lacrosse Club thanks all of our parents/guardians for their efforts to honor the game.