

## **Methuen Youth Lacrosse Mission Statement**

*Established in 2012, Methuen Youth Lacrosse's ("MYL") primary purpose is to teach and promote the game of lacrosse in a positive, safe and sportsmanlike environment to the youth of Methuen. As a youth league, MYL is dedicated to the skill development of lacrosse players and teaches a game of speed, position and finesse rather than physical intimidation or promoting a team's winning record. Along with learning lacrosse, MYL strives to instill the values of sportsmanship, respect, teamwork, self-confidence, leadership and a love of the sport of lacrosse for teammates, coaches and officials; in essence we "Honor the Game".*

*MYL believes that sportsmanship is a way of life and will conduct all activities in a manner that will set an example of good sportsmanship and friendly competition for our young athletes.*

## **Methuen Youth Lacrosse Parents Code of Conduct**

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

- Parents will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Parents will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of his/her child or the safety of others.
- Parents should do their best to learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- Parents and their guests will be a positive role model for all players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- Parents and their guests will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- Parents will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- Parents will teach their child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Parents will demand that their child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- Parents will never ridicule or yell at their child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Parents will emphasize safety, skill development and practice with their child.
- Parents will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire they may have for their child to win.
- Parents will respect the officials and coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront them at the game field, but rather take time to speak at an agreed upon time and place.
- Parents will demand an environment for their child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- Parents will refrain from coaching their children from the sidelines unless they are a rostered coach.
- Parents will make every effort to be in attendance of all practices and games. If you are not able to stay for a practice or a game, you will notify a coach of such and make sure he has your contact information in case of emergency. Also, you or a responsible adult will arrive back at the facility 15 minutes before the end of the practice or game.

**The failure of any MYL Member to adhere to this Code of Conduct shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of such individual's involvement in MYL, in accordance with MYL Disciplinary Procedures, which are outlined in MYL's By-Laws.**

## **Methuen Youth Lacrosse Social Media Policy**

Methuen Youth Lacrosse ("MYL") recognizes the importance of the Internet in shaping the public's perception of our organization. MYL also recognizes the importance of our Board members, sport coordinators, coaches, volunteers, parents and players in leading and setting the tone of social media interactions in a manner that advances MYL's mission and goals.

This Social Media Policy applies to all Board Members, sport coordinators, coaches, volunteers, coaches and players. This policy applies to all social media content posted by any of the members in their professional and personal capacity to the extent such content is related to MYL.

This is the Code of Conduct for posting inappropriate comments in online discussion spaces (such as Facebook, Twitter), blogs, forum pages regarding Methuen Youth Lacrosse.

The simple rules of thumb are to keep on-topic and be respectful of others. Members must refrain from any;

- Unauthorized posting of personal information (names, address, phone number, email etc.) of other users.
- Material that contains vulgar, obscene, bullying or indecent language or images.
- Material which defames, slanders, abuses or threatens others.
- Statements that is bigoted, hateful or racially offensive.
- Material that advocates illegal activity or discusses illegal activities with the intent to commit them.
- Flaming; there is a difference between voicing a legitimate concern or grievance and simply badmouthing or some other form of written abuse of someone or some service.
- Posts or other material which are deemed inappropriate of Methuen Pop Warner or its Members, Coaches, Players, Parents, Spectators, Board Members

### **Violations of the Social Media Policy**

**The MYL Board of Directors shall have authority to monitor and enforce this Social Media Policy. The MYL Board of Directors, or any individual appointed by the Board of directors, shall have the authority to remove any inappropriate or offensive comments from official MYL sites and block any individual or organization from posting on any official MYL social media platform if they determine, in their sole discretion, that such removal or block is in the best interest of MYL.**

**The failure of any MYL member to the above policy shall be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including termination of such individual's involvement in MYL, in accordance with the MYL Disciplinary Procedures.**

**By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understood and agreed to abide by the above-written Code of Conduct and Social Media Policy of Methuen Youth Lacrosse.**