



HLA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT AND PLEDGE

The HLA strongly encourages parents to attend games and support and encourage HLA teams. However, inappropriate language, excessive criticism of officials or coaches or any conduct from parents or other fans that does not comport with the ideals of superior sportsmanship espoused by the HLA will not be tolerated. Honor the Game.

Parents of HLA Players are expected to follow a Code of Conduct exemplified by the following pledge:

I HEREBY PLEDGE THAT AS THE PARENT (OR GUARDIAN) OF A HLA PLAYER I WILL:

- Honor the Game of Lacrosse.
- Consider it a privilege for my player to play the game of lacrosse.
- Make it a priority for my child to participate to the maximum extent possible at practices and games.
- Recognize that as a parent I play an important role in setting the tone of behavior exhibited by my child and by my child's teammates in practices and games.
- Promote a sense of fair play and superior sportsmanship by my child and his/her team.
- Strive to learn the basic rules of lacrosse.
- Support my child's coach.
- Recognize that as a parent my primary role is to support my child and not to coach my child, particularly regarding mistakes or what I think he/she may be doing wrong on the field.
- Not unduly criticize, demean, badger, threaten, harangue or abuse the officials or the opposing coaches, players or fans.
- Not use alcohol or illegal drugs at HLA events.
- Not use any form of media (including electronic media) to publicly criticize any team, coach, player, official or others associated with administering the sport of lacrosse through the HLA.
- Understand that, under Alabama law, any youth athlete, including their child while playing or practicing HLA-related lacrosse – who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or brain injury in practice or game shall be immediately removed from participation and may not return to play until the athlete [in other words, your child, if he or she is in that situation of suspected injury] is evaluated by a licensed physician and receives written clearance to return to play from a licensed physician.
- Agree (a) to abide by Alabama law and the policies of the HLA with regard to concussions and brain injuries; (b) to not allow their child to return to play after sustaining a suspected concussion unless he/she receives written clearance from a licensed physician; and (c) to provide upon request a copy of such written clearance to their child's coach (or other HLA person such as the officials, game managers, tournament administrators or HLA Board members or officers) before their child returns to play.

By signing this document, I pledge to uphold the letter and spirit of this Conduct Contract.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (printed): _____

Team: _____