



HLA PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT AND PLEDGE

I, as a player, associated with a HLA team, pledge to conduct myself in a way that Honors the Game at all times. Accordingly, I pledge to:

- 1) Honor the Game
- 2) Consider it a privilege to play the game of lacrosse and represent my team.
- 3) Conduct myself with honor, integrity, class and good sportsmanship both on and off the field in a way that reflects favorably on the entire HLA program for this and future seasons.
- 4) Encourage fierce and fair competition during the game and good camaraderie with teammates and opponents as soon as the game ends.
- 5) Maintain a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free environment at all team events.
- 6) Respect other players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators, **even in situations when it's hardest to do so**. I will conduct myself with class even when others are not living up to the HLA conduct standard.
- 7) Allow the teams Coach to speak for the team during difficult game-time conduct situations. Many conflicting voices detract from game officials' ability to manage a game. All unnecessary distractions increase safety risk for teammates and opposing players, and therefore must be avoided.
- 8) Make effective use of practice time. Arrive on time, with all necessary safety equipment and in clothing ready for a great practice.

Further, I pledge NOT to:

- 1) Use profanity at any HLA event.
- 2) Malign coaches, players, game officials, or fans.
- 3) Touch or approach a teammate or opposing player, coach, or game official in a threatening manner.
- 4) 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.

Specifically, I understand that:

- 1) If ejected from a game, I will leave the field for the remainder of that game. I will also be forbidden from participation in **at least** the entirety of the following game. (IAW the NFHS Lacrosse rules)
- 2) HLA team officials reserve the right to discipline behavior whether or not game officials witnessed or penalized the behavior.
- 3) If my behavior is judged to be egregious (on or off the field), or extremely detrimental to the team, HLA team officials reserve the right to use punishment options up to and including permanent dismissal from the team without refund.
- 4) Team members place academic performance as priority one!
- 5) Team coaching staff and HLA Board decisions related to violations of this conduct contract are final, and I will abide by those decisions accordingly.

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (printed): _____

Team: _____