

IPSWICH YOUTH LACROSSE: PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Ipswich Youth Lacrosse seeks to instill positive character-building traits in our player-participants through good sportsmanship, respect for others, accountability, and fairness. Parents and their guests attending IYL-sponsored events are expected to help us instill these principles by showing these character traits at games and practices.

What are the Rules?

The rules of this Code of Conduct are rooted in a basic, commonsense principle: That all parents and participants at IYL events are expected to treat everyone with civility and respect. So, when attending IYL practices, games, and events, you agree that:

1. I will be a positive role model for my child 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.
2. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting, using profane language or gestures, or threatening or engaging in physical or verbal altercations with others, whether during or before/after a game or other event.
3. I will never ridicule, scold, or criticize my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
4. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will not question, discuss, or confront coaches or referees at the game field. Instead, if I have a legitimate concern, I will take time to speak with coaches in a respectful and civilized manner at an agreed upon time and place.
5. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
6. I will tell the coach about any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

What happens if I break the Rules?

We know that most of you won't. But to make sure that IYL events are fun and safe for everyone involved, if you do break these rules, we will strictly enforce them. Here's how IYL will treat violations, based on the type of behavior involved:

1. Non-physical conduct (name-calling, swearing, yelling at refs, etc.). First offense: verbal warning by official, coach, member of IYL and/or IYL's governing league (MBYLL or Founders League); Second offense: written warning from Coach, IYL, and/or League; Third offense: parental game suspension with written record of incident; Fourth offense: parental season suspension; Fifth offense – permanent parental suspension from IYL (including all games and practices).
2. Physical conduct (altercations, fights, etc.). First offense: parental one-week suspension from all games and practices; Second offense: parental season suspension; Third offense: permanent parental suspension from IYL.

Note: These penalties are a “floor,” not a “ceiling.” IYL can impose stricter penalties based on the severity of the offense, and the Organization's governing leagues may enforce their own separate codes of conduct may by handing out additional punishments on top of the penalties imposed by IYL.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I have read and understand the IYL Parent Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by its rules, guidelines, and policies. I understand the potential consequences for conduct that violates the Code.

Parent Name (print): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____