

Team \_\_\_\_\_  
Player Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Middle/ High School \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ BEST  
phone number \_\_\_\_\_ BEST email  
\_\_\_\_\_ USLAX  
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Parents of The Brandywine Majors organization are expected to demonstrate exemplary sideline behavior during all practices and tournaments. Parents are expected to refrain specifically from the following:

***Sideline coaching***

***Negative commentary or criticism of players and/or coaches in any form***

***Engaging with referees from the sidelines***

***Approaching the coach to discuss tactics or selection***

***Representing Brandywine Majors in a negative manner***

***Using inappropriate and/or offensive language***

**Sideline Coaching** - Please remember that the games are the player's time to make their own decisions with the help and guidance of their coaches. Offering direction and instructions from the sideline to the players on the field is counterproductive to player development, and in many cases, can have a negative effect on player performance. The key component of the player development process is to provide players with the tools to make decisions for themselves during games. Parents should be mindful of this principle during games.

**Negative Commentary or Criticism** - Shouting negative remarks about their own or someone else's child's performance (or coaches for that matter) during games is strictly prohibited. This will not be tolerated. Parent attendance at games is strongly encouraged especially when it comes to providing positive vocal support, however if the coaches or other parents report negative comments being directed at Brandywine Majors players, this will be addressed directly with the individuals responsible.

**Engaging with Referees from the Sideline** - Parents are expected to remain calm and objective throughout the games in spite of inconsistent and perceived unsatisfactory refereeing decisions. While parents are indeed passionate about the games – and are invited to enter the spirit of competition – parents are expected to keep their thoughts on the referee's performance away from the field. Any concerns about the referee's individual or overall performances must either be directed to the Head Coach or to the Program Director at the appropriate time (they will follow up through the appropriate channels).

**Approaching the Coach During the Game** - Parents are expected to remain on the spectator's side of the field for the duration for the game. Parents are absolutely

forbidden from approaching the coach during the game and/or practice with regards to tactics and employment of team personnel. If you would like to discuss something specifically with the coach regarding the game, please

email the Director of Tournament Teams (ChristyAnn Morello at [christyannmorello@yahoo.com](mailto:christyannmorello@yahoo.com) ) to set a time aside with the coach to discuss the issue outside of the tournament and practice.

**Using inappropriate and/or offensive language** - inappropriate and/or offensive language will not be tolerated.

**Representing The Brandywine Majors Girls Lacrosse Club in a negative manner** - Parents and coaches alike set the environment for players to achieve all-round excellence. Please make sure your behavior on game days represents our organizational philosophy. Overly competitive, aggressive and inciting behavior from the sideline is not considered appropriate behavior and will not, under any circumstances, be tolerated.

## **Attendance Policy**

Due to the competitive nature of the Brandywine Majors Girls Lacrosse Club and the tournaments in which we compete, it is essential for players to attend each practice and each tournament. Practices prepare each team for the next competition and each team's roster is kept small to maximize playing time. A missing player, from a practice or a tournament, dramatically affects the entire team's success. As a result, each player and their parent/guardian must sign the following policy:

Players are permitted to miss only 2 practice(s) during the entire 2014 season (practices missed during the week prior to a tournament will affect playing time). Coaches must be notified of this absence **before** the practice session to be missed. No player may miss any **full** tournament during the entire 2014 season. If a player has a conflict, coaches must be notified immediately. **Players with habitual absences and conflicts that violate this policy will receive reduced playing time and may be dismissed from the team without any refund.** Know that The Brandywine Majors Girls Lacrosse Club aims to field competitive teams with dedicated players and does its best to release practice dates and times as soon as possible.

## **Playing Time Policy**

The Brandywine Majors Girls Lacrosse Club seeks to train and develop players during the tournament season. The club looks to field competitive tournament teams and provide club members with maximum playing time. **Players will receive fair, but not necessarily equal, playing time. This is decided at the**

**coaches' discretion** and will not be discussed with parents. If a parent continuously challenges the decision of a coach, this could possibly lead to dismissal from the program without any refund.

## **Refund Policy**

Should a player decide she does not want to play (continue play) within the Brandywine Majors Organization after the 2 week deciding period after tryouts, players/parents forgo all fees paid to the Brandywine Majors Organization, BYC Organization and/or ChristyAnn Morello.