

Cranford Lacrosse Club Coach's Code of Conduct

- I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes whom I coach.
- I understand that many children participate in sports for numerous different reasons, and that the number one reason is to have fun!
- I understand that as a youth coach I am obligated to honor the games rules, opponents, officials, teammates and self, and to teach players to do the same.

Therefore, by participating as a youth sports volunteer, I will adhere to the following codes.

A. I will create an appropriate environment for our children that:

- Focuses on safety, fun, skill development and education.
- Has a positive lasting impact on the children of our community.
- Promotes building character and learning life skills.
- De-emphasizes a win at all cost attitudes.
- Is fair, consistent, and best meets the emotional and physical needs of all children.
- Builds a culture where winning is not defined by outcome of competition, but by the individual needs of all the children.

B. I will act responsibly and do my best to assure that:

- I properly educate players the importance of teamwork, effort, having fun and playing fair while properly instructing age appropriate fundamentals and skills.
- I provide players with the best education, instruction and organization possible by attending required meetings, clinics and certifications.
- I am familiar with the objectives of the Cranford Lacrosse club program. I strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my players and their parents.
- I cooperate with the administrator of our organization in the enforcement of rules and I will report irregularities that violate sound competitive practices.
- I provide a healthy and safe environment for my players

C. I will display appropriate behavior - I understand that violation of the following will jeopardize my privilege to coach.

- I will treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent or administrator with respect and dignity, and refrain from using profanity, intimidation tactics and inappropriate language.
- I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contest in which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.

D. Terminal behavior - I understand that violation of the following codes will result in immediate termination of my privilege to coach with CLC.

- I will never coach under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- I will never initiate or participate in any form of verbal or physical assault on any staff, volunteer, parent or child.

Cranford Lacrosse Club reserves the right to take appropriate disciplinary action involving any coach in violation of the code of conduct.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contract, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein.

Coach Name (Print)

Coach signature

Date