

# Fort Bend Panthers Lacrosse

## Code of Conduct

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This code is intended to establish and sustain a positive environment for the youth who participate in Fort Bend Panthers Lacrosse ("FBLAX") and shall provide guidance for parents, players and Coaches. As a condition to participating in FBLAX, FBLAX requires that all Coaches, players and parents agree, in writing, to this Code. In the situation where a person is participating in FBLAX without signing this Code, such person is deemed to be in agreement with this Code and abide by it.

This Code shall permit FBLAX to ban the presence of any person at a youth sports event and/or dismiss him/her from participation in FBLAX who: (1) engages in verbal and/or physical threats and/or abuse aimed at any player, Coach, official or parent, or (2) initiates, or attempts to initiate a fight or scuffle with any player, Coach, official or parent in connection with FBLAX.

Any Coach, player or parent, banned and/or dismissed for a violation of this Code, may petition the Board for re-admittance only after presenting the Board with proof of completion of anger management and/or sports violence counseling through public or private sources.

As a player, Coach and/or parent/guardian I pledge to:

1. Honor the game of lacrosse;
2. Show good sportsmanship to all players, coaches, officials, and spectators;
3. Support a drug and tobacco-free environment;
4. Learn the rules of Lacrosse to become a better player, Coach and/or fan;
5. NOT publicly question the honesty, integrity, or judgment of the volunteer Coaches or other adult volunteers;
6. Respect and adhere to the directions of the designated Site Administrator;
7. Understand that verbal or physical abuse is not tolerated against anyone in the FBLAX organization, which includes but is not limited to negative conduct related towards a person's race, religion, gender or ethnicity;
8. Recognize that respect among adults is necessary for the success of the FBLAX organization and that all adult volunteers are entitled to respect, as are the children;
9. Responsibly handle disagreements, agreeing not to engage in divisive activity such as verbal or physical confrontation and nor create a conflict by spreading slander, malicious rumors or threats nor entice others to do so;
10. Refrain from coaching one's own child and/or other children during practices and/or games, unless you are the Coach for such child's team and/or the head of FBLAX coaching staff;

11. NOT to criticize players, coaches, officials, or spectators;
12. NOT to touch any player, coach, or official in a threatening manner; and
13. Abide by the FBLAX Panthers Policies & Procedures.

By signing this document and/or participating in the FBLAX program, I understand that if I am found in violation of this Code, I will be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to:

1. Verbal warning;
2. Parental/player game suspension or season suspension;
3. Parent/player suspension; and/or
4. Parent/player dismissal.

I accept the provisions of this Code and agree to be bound by its terms.