

# Coyotes Lacrosse Code of Conduct

Coyotes Lacrosse seeks to instill in each of its boys and girls:

- 1) strong fundamental skills and a passion for the game,
- 2) a true appreciation of teamwork; and
- 3) a deeper understanding of how character, integrity and sportsmanship define success.

To achieve these objectives while allowing our players to learn the game in a safe and healthy environment, Coyotes Lacrosse offers the following guidelines that constitute our club's Code of Conduct that is signed by all participants during registration.

## PLAYER

- Representing your team, your community, and your family as a player for the Coyotes Lacrosse program is a privilege. This privilege carries with it several expectations. I will contribute my BEST EFFORT at all practices, games and events. I know that hard work demonstrates both my commitment to the team and respect for the other players, coaches, and officials. I will compete with intensity and will not let a bad day slow me down.
- I will show RESPECT for the game, coaches, officials, my teammates, and the opposing team. I will say "thank you" to the adults who are volunteering their free time to make my lacrosse experience special. I will not show bad sportsmanship whether winning or losing.
- I will show EMPATHY towards my teammates, coaches, and officials. I will treat others the way I would like to be treated. I will offer to help others when I can. I will never bully or make negative comments to other players, regardless of the difference between their skill or mine. I will acknowledge and show appreciation for others' efforts through an encouraging attitude and comments. I will refrain from boasting about my accomplishments.
- I will accept RESPONSIBILITY for my behavior on and off the field. I understand that what I say and do affects my team and coaches and younger kids who see me as a role model. If I make a mistake, I will acknowledge it, apologize, and try harder the next time.
- **I will accept any consequences that my coaches may give me for failing to meet these expectations, including being seated for the rest of a game or practice (first offense), conferencing with my parent(s) about missing further games (second offense), or being asked to leave the Coyotes program (third offense).**

## PARENTS

- I will SUPPORT my player, his/her teammates and coaches. When problems or questions arise, I will encourage my player to present them to their coaches to develop self-advocacy. If the issue still requires attention, then I will contact the coach. I will affirm effort, not just victory.
- I will MODEL SPORTSMANSHIP and COURTESY by acknowledging and applauding the efforts of all players, regardless of team or game outcome. I will speak politely to all coaches, officials, opposing players and parents. I will refrain from boasting openly about my child's accomplishments.
- I will PRIORITIZE my child's development as an athlete and person of strong character over winning. I support coaches' best judgment as to playing time, position, and other issues in this regard.

- I will CONTRIBUTE to this volunteer community program from which my child is benefiting. When I can't, I will show appreciation to those who are volunteering on my behalf.
- I will COMMUNICATE effectively about my players' status to coaches and team members.

#### COACHES

- I will MODEL STRONG CHARACTER and SPORTSMANSHIP by respecting each of my player's development equally at practice and in games. I will show the same highest level of respect for the rules of the game, the officials, and the opposing players and coaches. I will be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- I will TEACH the game with PASSION, emphasizing the FUN of the game, the team and effort ahead of wins and losses. I will establish and communicate team and individual development goals, and teach the rules of the game and hold my players accountable to those rules in practices and games.
- I will accept RESPONSIBILITY for holding the team I coach accountable to the Coyotes Code of Conduct.