

FYL Player Code of Conduct:

1. I will respect my teammates, coaches, referees and opponents at all times. This means:
 - I will not bully, taunt, or tease a teammate or opponent for any reason.
 - I will not dispute or argue the decision of a coach or official.
 - I will strive to learn from my coaches and pay attention during practices.
2. I will Support and encourage my teammates. I will strive to set a positive example.
3. I will display good sportsmanship at all times on and off the field. I will be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
4. I agree to conduct myself with dignity as a participant of Fairfield Youth Lacrosse and as a citizen of the community.
5. I will arrive to practices/games on time, prepared and ready to go. I will give 100% effort at each practice and game.
6. I will strive to Know the rules of the game of lacrosse and abide by them.
7. I will Wear the required equipment at all games and practices.
8. I will agree to maintain my studies and respect my teachers and counselors.
9. I will not use profane language or gestures.
10. I will avoid use of drugs, alcohol and/or any other illegal substances, as they will impact my health and my performance on the field in a negative way.
11. I will be fully accountable for my behavior and its outcome. Individual discipline is the only way to maintain team safety. I understand that discipline problems will not be tolerated and could result in my being suspended or removed from the team.

TRAVEL COMMITMENT: Travel team placement and playing time will be based upon the 3 "A's": Attitude, Aptitude and Attendance. We expect that if you play travel lacrosse, you will make lacrosse your PRIORITY this spring. All travel rosters will be flexible and FYLax reserves the right to move players when deemed appropriate.

FYL Coach Code of Conduct:

1. I will emphasize at all times that playing lacrosse is an opportunity to be part of a team, and that sportsmanship, camaraderie, and respect are valuable priorities of the Fairfield lacrosse community. I will deemphasize playing only to win but rather promote the sport, healthy competition, and the desire to continually improve by developing one's own skills and working together as a team. By instilling these ideals, I will provide both players and parents with a better opportunity for success through their future participation in lacrosse and other sports.
2. Winning is a very important goal in coaching, but it will not be my only goal. I will keep in perspective that these young people have an interest in a great game. I will encourage and enhance that interest and not create an environment that promotes winning at all costs. I understand that coaching is a privilege, and that in my role as coach, I am an ambassador of the game and a role model for my team. I understand that my behavior and actions will have a great influence on the future participation of these young players and their enjoyment of the game.
3. I acknowledge that FYL expects that all coaches and assistant coaches involved in the FYL program will adhere to a high standard of personal conduct.
4. I will minimize individual accolades and promote the team concept of success. I will make decisions without favoritism or prejudice.
5. I will instill in my players the concepts of teamwork and sportsmanship that are consistent with the objectives of FYL.
6. I will avoid both verbal and physical confrontations with parents, other coaches and officials. I will never get into an argument with a parent in the presence of any player or others. If I have any criticism of an official's performance, I will do it through proper channels by reporting it to the FYL Board, and will never create a scene on the field during or after a game. I will communicate clearly to parents the expectations of the FYL for all players, parents, and coaches.
7. I will refrain from smoking and not tolerate the use or anyone under the influence of alcohol or any illegal or controlled substance around participants.
8. I will refrain from using any language which is racially or ethnically offensive or which is in any way discriminatory towards others. I will not use profane, obscene, or other off color language.
9. I will not initiate physical contact with any player for disciplinary reasons.
10. I will attend any lacrosse clinics or coaches' meetings required by the FYL.
11. I will not use my authority as a coach to allow a participant to have special treatment, whether related to myself, other coaches or personal friends.

12. I will not use in a practice or game a player who appears to need medical attention until such time as competent medical advice is available and that player is cleared by a doctor to play.

13. I will seek to control disruptive or excessively outspoken parents or fans.

14. I will accept the decisions of game officials.

15. I will never verbally abuse or criticize a player in front of spectators, but reserve constructive coaching/teaching for a later time in private or in the presence of other team members if others might benefit.

16. I will never criticize, belittle, antagonize, berate or otherwise incite an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.

17. I will demonstrate sportsmanship at all times.

18. I will be ever conscious of not running up the score. If my team has a commanding lead, and the outcome of the game is not in doubt, every effort shall be made to let all players play.

19. I will not permit an ineligible player, a player without proper equipment or the appropriate medical clearance to participate in practice, scrimmage or games.

20. I am responsible for reading, understanding, and adhering to the following:

- The Fairfield Youth Lacrosse Manual
- US Lacrosse 2018 Rules for Boys\Girls Youth Lacrosse
- The FYL Coaches and Players Code of Conduct

21. I will abide by the rules, regulations, policies and procedures outlined in the Fairfield Youth Lacrosse Manual and all referenced documentation herein at all times along with any and all decisions made by the FYL Board of Directors.

22. I further acknowledge that if I violate any of the above guidelines I may be subject to disciplinary action by the FYL which may include an oral or written warning, suspension from or termination of my position as a coach.

FYL Parent Code of Conduct:

1. Teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices. You are role models!
2. Know the rules of the game of lacrosse.
3. Respect the game of lacrosse. Respect the officials. Respect the coaches, who are volunteers.
4. Do not coach your child. Let players play and coaches coach, and support both positively.
5. Do not EVER criticize other players regardless of the circumstance.
6. Follow the "24 Hour Rule"; if you have a complaint resulting from a game (or practice) situation, speak with the coach on the following day.
7. If there is a serious problem, notify either the President or a Vice-President of FYL.
8. Emphasize the FUN of the game and the team, putting forth effort at all times, not wins and losses.

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1. Any conduct, including abusive language and/ or gestures, racially insensitive remarks, damage to property or belongings, or any other conduct that reflects poorly on yourself or FYL is deemed to be unacceptable and will not be tolerated. This rule applies to all players, parents, siblings and guests at all times when in or around games or practices as a member of FYL.
2. During a tournament or game when you are away, you represent the Town of Fairfield and FYL. Any conduct such as shoplifting, destruction of property, consumption of drugs or alcohol, or any other activity will not be tolerated. This rule applies for the entire time one is away for a game or tournament.
3. The Board of Directors of FYL will deal with unacceptable conduct at its sole discretion, imposing warnings, suspension or expulsion, as it deems appropriate. ANY SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION BASED ON VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY A TUITION REFUND.

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