



## NAYLAX – Spring 2018 Code of Conduct

PLAYER NAME (registered player)

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is essential for parents to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

- Treat every coach, parent, player, participant, referee and any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age or ability.
- It is understood that NAYLAX's principal goal is to develop its participants into skilled and knowledgeable lacrosse players, who are good teammates and good sportsmen. Coaches will encourage their players to play with skill and determination; **winning games is not NAYLAX's principal objective.** In this regard, it is understood that coaches will try to give **roughly** equal playing time to their players. Situations, which may impact playing time, include but are not limited to:
  - ✓ Player's preference on position
  - ✓ Player's inattentiveness and/or attitude on sideline
  - ✓ Penalties
  - ✓ Tardiness
  - ✓ Injury
- Do not engage (or encourage your child to engage) in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, referee or any other attendee.
  - ✓ The use of profanity is unacceptable.
  - ✓ Remember that your comments can be hurtful to other parents and/or players. Criticizing, teasing, making fun of, humiliating and "trash talking" to others is unacceptable.
  - ✓ Do not post negative comments about our program, players, parents, coaches or any teams on Web sites, including personal Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, etc. You will be required to remove any and all content deemed unflattering to our program.
  - ✓ Players and parents are not to contact referees regarding calls for any reason. This is a responsibility of the coaches.
- Do not engage (or encourage your child to engage) in any behavior, which would endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, referee or any other attendee.

- ✓ We encourage families to cheer for our teams. However, we ask that you not talk, instruct, or otherwise signal to your child during practices and games – It is a distraction for all players. Distracted players are more likely to make mistakes and/or get injured.
- ✓ Fighting is unacceptable. Any player who starts or provokes a fight (with opponent or teammate) will be ejected for the remainder of the game by his coach. A second occurrence will result in removal from the team. NAYLAX will not refund the registration fee of any player suspended from play or removed from the team because of fighting.
- Decisions are made for the **good of the team**, not any one individual. All players and their families pay for their participation and therefore are **equally valued** by NAYLAX. If you have a concern about your son's team, please speak with a coach directly. If possible, please notify coaches in advance of the need for a private discussion by telephone or after a practice/game. If you have concerns regarding the NAYLAX program, please contact a Board member. Gossip is strongly discouraged; it is harmful and unproductive.

**This Code of Conduct form and a signed Permission/Waiver must be submitted BEFORE player may participate in any practice and/or game.**

Parent/Guardian agrees to and has reviewed code of conduct with registered player:  
(checkbox and initials on electronic registration)