

Richland Lacrosse Club

Code of Conduct Agreement for Junior Bombers Player – Parent - Coach

Richland Lacrosse Club (RLC) expects all players, parents, and coaches to foster a positive reputation for our club, our schools, and our community. Representing our schools and community as a member of RLC is a privilege, not a right. It is understood that the behavior demonstrated by all is to be of the highest standards at all times whether in the classroom, in the community, or on the sporting field.

A. CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

The Richland Lacrosse Club Board of Directors has developed and approved this Code of Conduct Agreement. It is the governing document for all behavioral expectations, team expectations, and consequences for Code of Conduct violations. All RLC student athletes, parents, and coaches are expected to abide by this Code of Conduct and conduct themselves in accordance with its contents at all times. Failure to do so will result in consequences as outlined herein.

The Code of Conduct Agreement covers critical requirements for participation in RLC, including:

- Personal behavior
- Attitude
- Courtesy
- Appearance
- Sportsmanship
- Commitment to the program

All players, parents and coaches are expected to “Honor the Game” as set forth by guidelines from US Lacrosse.

Each player and parent are expected to thoroughly review this Code of Conduct Agreement and return the signed and dated acknowledgement form to the RLC Board of Directors prior to the first practice. Failure to do so will result in the player being ineligible to practice until such time as the signed and dated form is submitted.

Each coach is expected to thoroughly review this Code of Conduct Agreement and return the signed and dated acknowledgement form to the RLC Board of Directors prior to the first practice. Failure to do so will result in the coach being ineligible to participate in any coaching activities until such time as the signed and dated form is submitted.

B. GENERAL BEHAVIOR (Includes Board Members, Coaches, Parents, and Players)

- a. **Attitude:** There is an expectation that all athletes be courteous, cooperative and respectful at all times. Individuals should conduct themselves with the knowledge that they, alone, are responsible for their own actions.
- b. **Sportsmanship and Fair Play:** In all practice and game situations, athletes are expected to perform to the best of their ability, within the context of specific rules of the sport. Sportsmanship and fair play to teammates, opponents, and officials, will be in the forefront of the team's basic philosophy and attitude. Shaking hands with opponents after competition will be a routine procedure.
- c. **Team Initiation – Intimidation (Bullying):** Team initiation of any kind shall be strictly prohibited.
- d. **Language:** The use of profane or improper language is not acceptable. Extreme verbal outbursts show a lack of self-control and immaturity; these reflect on the team as well as the individual.
- e. **Governing Organizations:** All RLC members will abide by rules as established by US Lacrosse, CWLL and the RLC Code of Conduct.

C. PARENT/SPECTATOR BEHAVIOR

Parents and spectators are an important part of Richland Lacrosse and their support is a big part of club and team success. Individuals are responsible for their own actions and shall be held accountable to the contents of this Code of Conduct.

Expectations for parent/spectator behavior is as follows:

- a. **General:** All parents and spectators shall conduct themselves with courtesy, maturity, cooperation, and respect. This includes all interactions with game officials, opponents, players, coaches, and other parents.
- b. **Practice:** Parents and spectators are welcome to attend practices as observers, not participants or coaches, unless specifically asked by a coach to participate. They are expected to stay in the spectator areas and off of the practice field to avoid interfering with practice activities; general cheering and encouragement is allowed.
- c. **Games:** Parents and spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend home and away games. They are expected to stay on the spectator sideline before, during, and after the game; they are not allowed on the team sideline. General cheering is welcome and encouraged; coaching, stepping onto the playing field, or otherwise giving direction to a player or coach is not allowed. **Any parent or spectator violating these expectations will be given one warning; a second violation will result in being asked to leave the field.**
- d. **Game officials:** Parents and spectators are expected to treat all game officials with respect and courtesy, regardless of the situation or circumstances. Emotions often run high during competition; however, it is not acceptable to verbally insult, abuse, or otherwise mistreat any game official. **Any parent or spectator violating these expectations will be given one warning; a second violation will result in being asked to leave the field.**
- e. **Opponent Parents and Spectators:** All parents and spectators shall interact with opponent parents and spectators with respect and courtesy, regardless of the situation or circumstances. At home games they will be treated as guests; at away games we shall behave as guests.
- f. **Sideline Manager:** A parent or spectator will serve as the Sideline Manager during every home game; this individual will be readily identifiable by a team-provided vest and will be acknowledged by game officials. His/her role is to encourage parents and spectators to remain positive and respectful during games. All parents and spectators are expected to cooperate with the Sideline Manager.
- g. **Repeat violators are subject to further consequences at the Board's discretion.**

D. COMMITMENT TO THE TEAM

Attendance: All coaches, players, and parents must understand the importance of game preparation. The game of lacrosse is all about team commitment and chemistry, and those teams who perform the best are those whose expectations include making the level of commitment necessary to create a true team environment. The coaching staff spends a great deal of time and energy focusing on how to create a strong team by combining players in ways that maximize their interactions to build overall team success. When a player misses practice or a game this disrupts the entire team and puts their teammates at a disadvantage. All players are expected to maintain a high level of dedication to their teammates and the overall success of the team. The focus will be on learning life lessons, team work, dedication and individual / team improvement in a high level setting.

Overlapping Sport Seasons: Individuals who choose to participate in overlapping sports must realize that their primary commitment is to the “in season” team. Any participation in the second sport while the first is continuing may only be done with permission of the coach of the “in season” sport.

Uniforms/Equipment: All participants have a personal responsibility to properly care for all club equipment and uniforms. Uniforms will be collected immediately following the last game of the season. Prior to the start of the season, all players are required to submit a credit card authorization form to receive a uniform. If the uniform is not returned at the end of the season, the credit card on file will be charged a \$175 fee for the cost of the uniform.

Use of illegal substances: The use of illegal substances will not be tolerated under any circumstances. This includes, but is not limited to: alcohol, tobacco, smoking, smokeless tobacco, vaping, legend drugs (drugs obtained through prescriptions), controlled substances and drug paraphernalia. Any player found to have used these types of products will be immediately subject to the penalties established by Richland School District and the WIAA. (please see WIAA Handbook section 18.25.0)

E. COMMUNICATION:

If a specific issue arises during the season or if there are questions regarding a general issue, players and parents are expected to follow the communication process outlined below. Please review this process thoroughly and refer to it during the season as needed.

Step #1 – Player and parent communicate directly with the coach and program director. The first step is for the player and parent to communicate directly with the coach and program director. This communication should take place at least 30 minutes prior to or after practice, and at least 24 hours after a game.

Step #2 – Player and parent communicate directly with the coach, program director and a RLC Board member. If the issue or concern is not resolved using Step #1, the second step is for the player and parent to communicate directly with the coach, program director and a RLC Board member. This discussion will take place at a mutually agreeable time that is at least 30 minutes prior to or after a practice, and at least 24 hours after a game.

24 Hour Game Rule – Game days can be an emotional time for players, parents and coaches alike. There shall be no negative direct communication between parents and coaching staff or parents and RLC Board members for at least 24 hours following a game. Failure to abide by this rule will result in the parent being suspended from attending the next scheduled game. No exceptions!

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM

We have thoroughly reviewed the **Richland Lacrosse Club Code of Conduct Agreement**.

By signing this form, we acknowledge that we have read and understand all rules and expectations in this Code of Conduct Agreement and we agree to abide by them at all times.

We understand that failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct Agreement will result in consequences as specified herein.

Printed name of Player: _____

Signature of Player: _____ Date: _____

Printed name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Received by: _____ Date: _____

Signature of RLC Board member