

CCLC Coaching Code of Ethics

The function of a coach is to educate players through participation in practice and competition. Each player should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times. Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the Champaign County Lacrosse Board of Directors.

The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the player and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with players, officials, CCLC Board of Directors, the US Lacrosse Association, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.

The coach shall avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.

The coach shall promote the entire program of the club and direct his or her program in harmony with the total club program.

The coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his or her team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

The coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely support staff and board members.

The coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

The coach should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.

The coach shall not exert pressure on board members to give a player special consideration.

The coach shall not scout opponents by any means other than those adopted by the league and/or the US Lacrosse Association.

The coach shall use appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators.

In agreement: _____

Date: _____