

CODE OF CONDUCT

GUARDIAN PARTICIPANT SECTION

Guardians are to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, other parents/guardians, spectators and fans. Lacrosse requires a lot of training, conditioning, and hard work to develop a skill-set which keeps participants in shape and able to participate at a high level and avoid injury. We encourage you to PRAISE your child's efforts and allow the coaches to make corrections on the field. Lacrosse has a long history of brotherhood/sisterhood between teammates, coaches, families, fans and other organizations. These characteristics are expected to be fostered by the participants of this organization.

Elements of code of conduct:

1. Guardians will support the efforts of the coaches, board and other volunteers of PLA with assistance. They will refrain from activities that impede these efforts.
2. Guardians will set a good example for the players by showing good sportsmanship. Unsportsmanlike conduct will result in removal from the field and spectator area immediately.
3. Guardians will not argue with the coaches, officials, or board members. All concerns/complaints will be routed through the official grievance process. Voicing complaints to your child only diminishes their efforts and should be refrained from.
4. Guardians or any other participants may not be on the field unless they have been assigned a volunteer duty by the coach or board of directors. Guardians/Spectators are to be on the opposite side of the field from the players box (where applicable).
5. Guardian's use of profanity, drugs, alcohol or tobacco during any PLA event is prohibited.
6. Players will be provided weekly practice time, coaching and team experience. They are encouraged to work on skill development outside of practice as well. The number one concern is to keep your player safe. Competitive play will require the highest skilled players as viewed by the coaching staff for game play.
7. Players are expected to be dressed and on the field for practice at scheduled practice time. Players unable to make practice must notify a coach before start of practice (unless there is an emergency.) Failure to do so will result in game time ineligibility.
8. Failure to abide by the code of conduct may include your player being disqualified from non-refundable further participation.
9. Guardian will not attempt to engage the board or other PLA representatives in grievance-type issues outside of the grievance process. The PLA representatives are volunteers attending games as guardians or coaches to watch their child participate. Please respect their private time. They give enough time behind the scenes.
10. I will treat PLA with the same respect as any other school sport.

PLAYER PARTICIPANT SECTION

Players are to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and fans. In becoming a participant of Peninsula Lacrosse, an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the organization. The essential elements in this Code of Conduct are HONESTY, INTEGRITY, SPORTSMANSHIP and LEADERSHIP. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to themselves, their team and Peninsula Lacrosse. It is only through such conduct that our organization can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to our sport and community. Lacrosse has a long history of brotherhood/sisterhood between teammates, coaches, families, fans and other organizations that is expected to be fostered by the participants of this organization.

Elements of code of conduct:

1. Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
2. The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, team before self and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
3. The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance. Players will report injuries to coaches and guardians.
4. Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
5. Players will maintain a GPA of 2.0 or above in order to dress for the game.
6. Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the organization should be communicated through the proper channels (see grievance policy) and procedures; never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.
7. Players involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, board member, teammate or any other participant.
8. Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, and skills have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.
9. The player understands outside activities of an illegal nature will not be tolerated. If such activities occur, the offense will be reviewed by coach and board following the disciplinary guidelines to determine the outcome which may include non-refundable removal from participation.
10. Players will bring concerns directly to their coaches in a professional manner. If resolution is not met, they may follow the grievance process.

- 11. All players will be given a coaches' expectation letter at the start of the season. Players and guardians will be required to sign the code of conduct, grievance policy, expectation letter, concussion form, health physical and have all fees paid before participation.
- 12. Players must commit to a minimum of one team community service activity a year.
- 13. Behavior of illegal nature outside of the season may affect your in-season play time. We honor ourselves and our team at all times.
- 14. I will treat Lacrosse the same as any school sport; with dedication and conduct.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct. I will act in accordance with this code. I understand that the board, coaches as well as league and section officials will and should expect that I will follow this code.

Player Signature

Parent Signature

Date