

## **GAINESVILLE YOUTH LACROSSE**

### ***CODE OF CONDUCT***

Dear Gainesville Youth Lacrosse Associates,

Our goal is to set and maintain high standards of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity throughout the GYL program. It is our responsibility to provide the discretion and constant vigilance under which good sportsmanship can prosper and have a positive impact on our children: the leaders of tomorrow.

The value of the lessons learned by exhibiting good sportsmanship will last a lifetime. The positive actions of a coach, athlete or spectator at an event can influence how the GYL is perceived in the community.

We are asking for your support in this effort by emphasizing to your son/daughter what is expected of them at an event as a competitor or spectator. We urge you to ask your children to demonstrate self-control and self-discipline and at the same time, and enjoy the game.

Finally, we ask you to set a good example when in the stands at a game or practice. It is through these efforts that we can clearly communicate what is acceptable behavior. We hope that your positive example will help set the tone for those around you.

When you attend the game, you are given the privilege to watch the game and voice your support of our teams. We want that support to be positive.

Thank you in advance for your positive influence and enjoy the sport.

*The Board of Directors*

### **GYL Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action**

For those involved in the GYL program as an official, parent, coach, or player; a code of conduct will be outlined. The GYL will encourage good sportsmanship and fair play. Each GYL coach or site supervisor will be totally responsible for the conduct of themselves, players and respective spectators. Absolutely no abusive or vulgar language will be tolerated and could result in team penalties. Unsportsmanlike conduct or disrespect for the referees will not be tolerated as well. Both players and coaches will refrain at all times, from abusive and unwarranted disruptions.

#### **Conduct of Respect:**

##### **Parent Conduct:**

It is imperative that parents, at all times, conduct themselves in a proper manner. No swearing or harassment will be permitted. In the event conduct is not acceptable, the Board of Directors may take disciplinary action that may include suspension from the program. No coach or spectator shall at any time use signs, gestures, degrading personal comments, or any act, which will reflect unfavorably upon opposing coaches, players or spectators. GYL encourages and requires good sportsmanship and respect from all its participants. The GYL will enforce this policy to the maximum.

## **GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP/ CODES OF CONDUCT**

### **Parents Code:**

- Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.
- Remember that children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory.
- Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game.
- Your child will then be a winner, even in defeat.
- Do not ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Set a good example. Children learn best by good examples.
- Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
- Do not publicly question referee judgment.
- Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches, referees, and officials and give them their due respect.
- Without them, there would not be the GYL.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sporting activities.

### **Player's Code:**

- Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with or complain about the referee calls or decisions.
- Control your temper and most of all; resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.
- Concentrate on playing lacrosse and on affecting the outcome of the game with your best effort.
- Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it is your teams or your opponent's.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve skills and feel good.
- Don't be a "show-off".
- Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and referees.
- Be 'On Time' for Practices and Games and be committed to giving your best at all times.
- Be respectful of your teammates.
- Foul language will not be acceptable at any and all team events.
- Gainesville Youth Lacrosse has a ZERO TOLERANCE Policy in regard to drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. Violations will result in dismissal from the program.

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Parent or Guardian

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GYL Lacrosse Player

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