

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA YOUTH LACROSSE LEAGUE, INC.
Code of Conduct

All players, coaches, officials and parent volunteers in the Southwest Florida Youth Lacrosse League are expected to adhere to and abide by the SWFYLL Code of Conduct adapted in part from US Lacrosse's code of conduct.

In becoming of member of the lacrosse community in Southwest Florida, an individual assumes certain responsibilities and obligations to the game of lacrosse and its participants. The essential elements in this Code of Conduct are **Honesty, Integrity and Respect** for other participants in the program. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and SWFYLL.

The following elements are critical to this Code of Conduct:

- 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.
- The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They should strive to be positive role models and demonstrate positive behavior toward players, parents, officials and spectators alike. Players should likewise be encouraged by coaches to demonstrate respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents, spectators, and fans alike.
- Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators.
- Coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect in players. Coaches are also expected to educate their players as to the important role of the lacrosse official and to reinforce the ideal of respect for officials.
- Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or near the field of play in view of the spectators or participants.
- Officials are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates total impartiality, courtesy, and fairness to all parties.
- Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass, or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.
- Coaches must be able to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the rules of lacrosse, and should adhere to the rules in both the letter and spirit of the game. Coaches should encourage and help to educate the players and spectators surrounding the program to develop a basic knowledge of the rules. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate un-sportsman like conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Eligibility requirements at all levels of the game must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, etc., have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.

I understand that by signing below I can be held accountable for any violation of the codes of conduct and will accept any penalty which has been deemed necessary by a board consisting of your League President and Three Lee County Parks and Recreation Staff.

Parent / Guardian

Signature _____

Date _____

Print Name _____

Code of Conduct for: _____

Season: _____