

**ASHLAND YOUTH LACROSSE/MASSACHUSETTS BAY YOUTH LACROSSE LEAGUE/MASS BAY GIRLS LACROSSE LEAGUE  
(AYL/MBYLL/MBGLL)**

**CODE OF CONDUCT**

**AYL/MBYLL/MBGLL Rules of Conduct and Disciplinary Action**

For those involved in the AYL/MBYLL/MBGLL program as an official, parent, coach, or player, a code of conduct will be outlined. The AYL/MBYLL/MBGLL will encourage good sportsmanship and fair play. Each AYL/MBYLL/MBGLL coach or site supervisor will be totally responsible for the conduct of himself, his players and his respective spectators. Absolutely no abusive or vulgar language will be tolerated and could result in team penalties. Un-sportsmanlike 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:**

It is essential that players show respect to their coaches, opponents, and referees and that league officials show decency and consideration for their players.

**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 which 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.

AYL/MBYLL/MBGLL encourages and requires good sportsmanship and respect from all its participants. The AYL/MBYLL/MBGLL 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 a 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 AYL/MBYLL/MBGLL.
- 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 team's or your opponent's.
- Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve skills and feel good. Don't be a "showoff".
- Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and referees.

I have read, understand and agree to abide by the code of conduct outlined above:

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Player Name

Parent Name

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Player Signature

Parent Signature