

## CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY FOR COACHES \_\_\_\_\_

Spartan Lacrosse Coaches agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as written in the NCJLA Handbook  
The following essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" will be followed:

- ♦ The safety and welfare of the players are our first priority.
- ♦ Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and will be taught at all levels. The coach is responsible for the sportsmanlike conduct of his or her players on the team.
- ♦ The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game will be placed above winning. Win with character, lose with dignity.
- ♦ Coaches will always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. Coaches will always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, officials and spectators alike. Players will be specifically encouraged and positively reinforced by coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, officials and spectators. Coaches will lead by example in exercising self-control on the field before, during and after both practices and games.
  - a. Any coach issued a red card or ejected from the field by an official is automatically suspended for the next game in accordance with NCJLA and US Lacrosse bylaws. They must report the offense to an officer of the Board of Directors within 24 hours. The Board will determine if further disciplinary action/dismissal is necessary.
  - b. Coaches will demonstrate the utmost respect for officials. Coaches will educate their players on the importance of lacrosse officials and reinforce respect for the official to players/teammates.
- ♦ Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the sport will be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of players, spectators or any other participants.
- ♦ Coaches will demonstrate a solid knowledge of the rules of lacrosse, and will adhere to the rules in both the letter and the spirit of the game. Coaches are required to take the online US Lacrosse Level I Course; Level I and II Courses are recommended for the HS Level. Coaches will provide certificates of completion prior to taking field responsibility.
- ♦ Coaches will provide a basic knowledge of the rules to both players and spectators within his/her program. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct is unacceptable.
- ♦ I will refrain from the use of any tobacco, alcohol or other illegal drugs at any event associated with the Stockton Lacrosse Club. Events include; games, practices, tournaments & meetings. This mandate extends to parking lots associated with events.

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct Policy for Coaches. I understand that failure to comply with the above may result in disciplinary action or dismissal from the Stockton Lacrosse Club.

I agree to abide by the policy while participating in the STOCKTON LACROSSE CLUB regardless of game site or jurisdiction.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Coach Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Position:** [  ] Head Coach [  ] Assistant Coach  
**Division:** [  ] VARSITY [  ] U-15 [  ] U-13 [  ] U-11