



Issaquah Lacrosse Club – Youth and Parent Code of Conduct

Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner that demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and fans. In becoming a member of this organization, an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the organization and its participants.

The essential elements in this Code of Conduct are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to themselves, their team and their organization. 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.

The following essential elements of the Code of Conduct must be followed by all players:

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, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
3. The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
4. Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
5. Coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect to players/teammates.
6. Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the organization should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.
7. Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.
8. Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, team transfers, etc, have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.



The following essential elements of the Code of Conduct must be followed by all parents:

1. I pledge to get my child to practice and games on time. I understand that it can be embarrassing for my child to be late and that I may be putting him at risk by not providing adequate time for warm up. I will be on time to pick up my child from all games and practices. This shows respect for the coaches and it tells my child that he is my top priority.
2. I pledge to “honor the game”. I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans and officials. I understand that officials make mistakes. If the official makes a “bad” call against my team, I will “honor the game” and be silent!
3. I pledge to refrain from yelling out instructions to my child or any other player. I understand that this is the coach’s job. I understand that games are chaotic times for children trying to deal with fast-paced action and respond to opponents, teammates and coaches. I will limit my comments during the game to encouraging my child and other players for both teams.
4. I pledge to refrain from making negative comments about my child’s coaches in my child’s presence. I understand that this plants a negative seed in my child’s head that can negatively influence my child’s motivation and overall experience.
5. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game and practice.
6. I will support coaches and officials working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
7. I will remember that the game is for the kids not the adults.
8. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child. I will honor the Parent Code of Conduct in my words and actions.