

Code of Conduct for All Participants

To accomplish the objectives of the Skyline Spartan Lacrosse Club (SLC) all participants—players, parents/guardians, volunteers and fans are expected to support a positive team attitude, display good sportsmanship and conduct ourselves in a manner that reflects positively on the game and the team in all of our activities and events at all times. Not only are the expectations of conduct important for the development of these values in our players, they are important because they reflect on our organization, school, and community.

In consideration of your son being a player in SLC, coaching in the SLC program, volunteering and or being an administrator you agree to abide by the rules and the code of conduct set forth herein. These rules extend to all activities and events sanctioned or sponsored by SLC, including but not limited to practices, games, travel to and from events, tournaments, overnight stays or camps. Violation of the following rules may be subject to disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the authorized person(s), board or committee and may include loss of playing time for a player, removal from practice, suspension for all or part of a season, or sent home from tournaments or games or ejection from the club.

Expectations of All Participants

The following is prohibited of all participants—players, parents, volunteers, coaches, board members or administrators:

Physical or verbal intimidation or harassment of any individual, to also include any form of intimidation or harassment through SMS, text, email, social media or other means of electronic communication.

- Illegal transport, possession or use of drugs or other illegal substances.
- Physical damage to a facility or theft of items from a room, dormitory, residence or other person.
- Possession of fireworks, ammunition, firearms, other weapons or any item or material which by commonly accepted community principles would be a hazard or harmful to other persons.
- Any action considered to be an offense under Federal, State or local laws/ordinances.
- Violations of specific policies, procedures and/or regulations of the school district.

- Any conduct which would reflect negatively on the team, program or school, in addition to any conduct that would be inappropriate as measured against normally accepted behavior.

Expectations of Parents

Family is an important part of the SLC experience and your support is key to making the experience enjoyable for your son and his teammates. Success starts in the stands and players mirror their parents attitude and behavior. Sportsmanship and the concepts of fair play are essential to the game of Lacrosse and they must be developed on the field during practices and games as well as off of the field. Players play, coaches coach, referees referee and parents encourage and support. We ask that you spend your energy and passion as a supportive and encouraging parent.

- **Be Positive.** Refrain from criticizing anyone during games or practices. Use your influence as a parent and role model to build team spirit and values for your player and his teammates.
- **Support the Coach**
 - Your son is the player on the team, for questions about playing time, positions, game strategy, tactics or topics that are related to the team encourage your player to contact his coach.
 - If there is some **significant** concern that needs to be addressed by a parent, wait “24 hours” and address it respectfully with the coach away from a practice or game and when the players are not present.
- **Silence with the Referees.**

Expectations of Players

Playing high school sports, enjoying the game of lacrosse and participation in SLC is a privilege which comes with responsibility and all players should be aware of the responsibility that comes with representing our families, your team, your school and program. Violation of the rules subject the player to disciplinary action that can include suspension or dismissal from the team. The nature and severity of any violation will determine the disciplinary action taken and will be at the sole discretion of the coaches and SLC Board.

All players are expected to follow the rules as set forth herein US Lacrosse rules and Code of Conduct. The rules set the minimum level of acceptable behavior and if occasions arise that are

not fully covered by the SLC or USL rules and regulations the SLC Directors and Coaches will have the power to decide what action shall be taken against a player. In addition to the expectations of all participants set out above, players:

- **Put your team first.** This includes a prohibition of being part of any other lacrosse team during the main spring season, March to June. This is both a WHSBLA and GELL rule, so it applies to the team and all players, and includes practices, games, clinics, etc. that may conflict with the club from competing programs.
- **Respect others** demonstrate good sportsmanship, sports leadership and ethical conduct at all times and treat all coaches, parents, referees and opponents with courtesy and respect. Honesty, character and integrity are not just words on a page but values that you live and reflect as a player and teammate.
- **Don't Let Your Teammates Down.**
- **Be Coachable.** Be willing to learn, pay attention, accept and follow instructions from your coach and be open to constructive feedback.
- **Talk to your coach** If you have questions or issues with your coach, the team, or how you are playing then you need to discuss the issue directly with your coach. It is your responsibility (not your parents) to timely notify your coaches about absences, illness or any other issues that affect your attendance at practices, games or meetings.
- **Have Fun and Be Positive**
- ***Your team and team events are a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free sports environment. Suspected use of non prescribed drugs, alcohol or tobacco will result in immediate suspension from all team events until the player and parents meet with the coach & board member.***

Expectations of Coaches

Coaches are teachers and role models and have the privilege of working with the players. They are responsible for teaching the great game of lacrosse, good sportsmanship and teach their players to play hard with a positive competitive attitude.

In addition to the expectations of all participants set out above, coaches are expected to respect the game, respect the officials and always look out for the best interests of the player and organization. In return, coaches can expect the respect and support of SLC Players and Parents.

In addition, coaches will:

- Demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco free sports environment for the team, and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sporting events.
- Stress that by competent coaching, positive reinforcement of goals, and dedicated athletes these young players will learn how to win and how to lose with dignity.
- Realize that sports is only part of the education process, and that all players are expected to be dedicated students as well as dedicated lacrosse players.

Returning to Play After Injury

The primary responsibility is to make sure that a player does not return to practice or play before he is ready to participate without risk of further injury.

Any player that has had a concussion or injury that required a doctor's care shall not be allowed to return to play or practice until he or she has been cleared in writing by his doctor.

Code of Conduct Acknowledgment

I/We acknowledge receiving a copy of the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by the terms of the code of conduct.

Name, Student Athlete

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date