

West Haven Youth Lacrosse Rules of Conduct

Coaches, Players, Parents or Guardians and their guests

As a Coach, Player, Parent or Guardian of a player in West Haven Youth Lacrosse, you will be required to acknowledge and agree to abide by the CONNY Code of Conduct and the West Haven Youth Lacrosse Rules of Conduct.

In the event that this agreement conflicts with CONNY and/or US Lacrosse Rules and Regulations, the more stringent rule and/or guideline and/or penalty shall apply.

The following rules apply to any game, practice (scheduled or impromptu) league fundraising or team building event, outing, clinic and/or any time you are representing WHYL.

- Any conduct, including abusive language and/or gestures, hitting, racially insensitive remarks, criticizing players or coaches of WHYL or the opposing team, or any official or Board member, damage to property or belongings, or any other conduct that reflects poorly on yourself or WHYL is deemed to be unacceptable and will not be tolerated. This rule applies to all players, parents and guardians, coaches, siblings and guests at all times when in or around games or practices as a member of WHYL. During a tournament or game when you are away, you represent the City of West Haven and WHYL. Any conduct such as destruction of property, consumption of drugs or alcohol, or any other such activity will not be tolerated. These rules apply for the entire time one is away for a game or tournament. WHYL will deal with unacceptable conduct at its sole discretion, imposing warnings, suspension or expulsion, as it deems appropriate.
- Coaches must be approved by the Board and meet guidelines established by the Board, CONNY and US Lacrosse, including but not limited to registration with US Lacrosse, submit to a background check, pass the annual CONNY Rules Test, attend US Lacrosse Coaching Clinics as appropriate (Level 1, 2, 3), Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA), CPR and First Aid training.
- Coaches will be assigned to a team chosen by the Board. Coaches will receive information each season to aid in obtaining our objectives for the teams. This will include guidelines for managers, practices and games.
- Only coaches and assistant coaches who have been approved (see above) by WHYL may conduct a pre-game warm up and / or a practice or participate on the team sidelines as a coach during home and away games. Any participation of an individual not approved by WHYL could result in forfeiture of the game or practice and/or expulsion of the Head Coach and/or Assistant Coach.
- In the unforeseen circumstance where there is a reduced coaching staff, an approved WHYL coach / assistant coach may contact the president of WHYL and

request the temporary and one time assistance of an individual to assist with a practice.

- All coaches' tenure is for the current season only. Coaches must be reappointed on a yearly basis and approved upon meeting all current requirements.
- Please allow our coaches to do the on field coaching at all practices and games. Do not coach another child, if you feel the need to coach your child, please do so after you have left the location of the practice or game, so that it will not take away from the coach and the instruction he or she may be offering to the team. PLEASE DO NOT COACH YOUR CHILD OR ANY OTHER PLAYER FROM THE SIDELINES. It is incredibly distracting--and often, conflicting--to our players and coaches. Any parent or spectator coaching from the sidelines will be addressed.
- I have read and understand the above WHYL Rules of Conduct and agree to follow its guidelines in all league activities. I understand that if I fail to follow this Rule of Conduct, I may be asked to leave the league and/or activity (such as a game or practice) or I may be asked to withdraw my child from the league.

Print Name: _____ Sign Name _____

Team: _____

___ Player ___ Parent ___ Coach

Print Name: _____ Sign Name _____

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