

WEST FORSYTH YOUTH LACROSSE COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT & RULES

Coaches are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and fans. In becoming a member of the lacrosse community an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse 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 the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and the WFYL organization.

The following essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be followed:

- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels during practices and games, and placed above winning.
- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Coaches should always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, officials and spectators alike. Avoid derogatory comments. Players should be specifically encouraged and positively reinforced by coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, officials and spectators.
- Coaches are never to knowingly permit an injured player to return to the game without proper medical attention/clearance.
- Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials, parents or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants. If there is a dispute that a coach cannot handle on his or her own, please contact the WFYL Board in writing.
- Coaches should 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 is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Coaches agree to communicate to the entire team, encourage feedback, solicit support for the team, and inform them of all team rules, practices, games and other team activities. No member of the team should ever be excluded.
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- Coaches who coach at other programs or clubs that are NOT affiliated with WFYL will NOT be allowed to coach (Head, Assistant, or any other capacity) at WFYL, unless the WFYL Board of Directors approve and provides said coach with written approval.
- A coach (Head, Assistant or any other capacity) who has a child playing concurrently on a WFYL team and a team not affiliated with WFYL is still expected to make WFYL his/her first priority. If it is determined, by the sole discretion of the WFYL Board of Directors, is absent from WFYL games or practices due to non-WFYL games or practices, said coach shall not coach in the next (Spring or Fall) season for which his/her child is registered.
- Any coach who chooses to not coach at WFYL, for any reason, shall be eligible to coach at WFYL in subsequent seasons assuming they fulfill the coaching requirements. Coaches are selected by the Program Director and are approved by the WFYL Board of Directors.
- WFYL does not support any of its coaches using their position to influence, promote, solicit, or recruit players registered on WFYL to other lacrosse clubs, programs or teams not affiliated with WFYL. The expectation is that you're dedicating your time and efforts to the development of our program goals.
- WFYL has an expectation that your commitment as being coach (Head or Assistant or any other coaching capacity) that you're putting WFYL obligations (Practices and Games) before other outside Lacrosse related commitments that you may be engaged in that are not WFYL affiliated.
- Coaches agree to adhere to the rules and policies of WFYL

By signing this document I certify that I understand the terms of the Coaches Code of Conduct & Rules, and will agree to comply with these policies. A violation of this code may result in possible disciplinary action ranging from private admonishment, suspension, or permanent dismissal.

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Coach's Signature

Date _____

Coach's Printed Name