

Haddam Killingworth Youth Lacrosse Association

Code of Conduct

Playing the game of lacrosse and representing Haddam Killingworth Youth Lacrosse Association, and our community, is a privilege. Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that “Honors the Game” of lacrosse and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators at all times. Our goal as an organization is to have fun through organized competitive game play. We must always value the fun and privilege of the game over winning and losing. When we do win we will always remember that our opponent tried their best and respect them for their efforts. When we lose, we must always remember that our opponent played better than us on that day. We will respect them for their accomplishment and be ready to play them next time.

As a Coach I pledge to:

- “Honor the Game” of Lacrosse by displaying respect for opponents, referees and fellow coaches both on and off the field.
- Place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Be a role model to my players, always leading by example.
- Teach the rules of lacrosse promoting safety, competitiveness, and sportsmanship.
- Do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players and players on the other team.
- Treat each player as an individual, and expect age appropriate skills from all my players.
- Distribute playing time equitably among players on my team.
- Reward players for hard work.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship.
- Respect the decisions of referees.
- Remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.
- Always be prepared for games and practices.
- Actively coach.
- Never leave a field or gathering area before ensuring that it was respectfully treated and cleaned up.
- Never leave a field until all kids have been left.

As a Player I pledge to:

- “Honor the Game” of Lacrosse by displaying respect for opponents, referees and coaches both on and off the field.
- Remember that my team as a whole comes first, my teammates second, and I third.

- Remember that it is the play of everyone on my team that contributes to the outcome.
- I will always take the time to help and encourage team mates not as skilled as me so that we are better off as a team.
- Never retaliate for an ungracious opponents' negative action. I will notify my coach, but I will never retaliate.
- Play within the rules and adhere to the instructions of the referees and coaches.
- Always be ready to play lacrosse at practice and games, giving 100% of my attention to the game and working hard to be better.
- Respect the decisions of referees and coaches.
- Never intentionally try to hurt another player.
- Exhibit good sportsmanship before, during, and after each practice and game, regardless of the outcome.
- Not participate in taunting, criticizing or jeering of opposing players or officials.
- Always be sure that fields or gather spaces are free of litter.

As a Parent and/ or Spectator I pledge to:

- Never criticize, taunt or otherwise disrespect and disparage officials, players or coaches from either team.
- Offer only positive words of encouragement, preferably to both teams playing.
- Learn the rules of lacrosse.
- Not instruct players or coaches during games or practices.
- Always wait one day before approaching a coach or league representative with a disagreement or complaint.
- Allow others around me to enjoy the game by not being overly boisterous or belligerent.
- Stand on the opposite sideline from the team bench when possible.

Player Name

Player Signature

Date:

Parent Name

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