



Players Code of Conduct

Mars Youth Lacrosse is proud of the community it has created for our players to have fun learning the game of lacrosse. We recognize that this hasn't happened accidentally. To preserve this positive environment, **we require all of our players, parents and coaches to sign a Code of Conduct.** We expect all individuals participating in Mars Youth Lacrosse to adhere to our Values and to work toward upholding our Code of Conduct.

Values

Mars Youth Lacrosse wants all of its players, parents and coaches to understand and embrace our Values. In order of priority, our Values are as follows:

1. Safety always comes first.
2. Sportsmanship: Exemplary respect for the rules, opponents, officials, teammates, and self is mandatory.
3. Fun! We are here to have fun, but not at the expense of preventable injuries or being discourteous to others.
4. Learning the great sport of lacrosse!
5. Success will be measured by our effort and our improvement. Winning is important, but not at the expense of any of our other Values.

Player's Pledge

I recognize that it's a privilege to participate in Mars Youth Lacrosse, and I pledge that:

- I will wear the required equipment at all games and practices, and keep my equipment well maintained.
- I will HONOR THE GAME by following the rules and respecting my opponents, officials, all teammates, including coaches, parents and fellow players, and myself.
- I will adhere to OUR VALUES, display good sportsmanship, and set a positive example, even if others do not, at all times on and off the field.
- I will give 100% effort at each practice and game.
- I will not be afraid to make mistakes; I understand that is part of learning the game.
- I will not swear or use abusive or obscene language or gestures.
- I will not bully, harass or engage in any form of physical violence or property damage of any person, including team members or opponents.
- I will listen to my coaches; practice hard; play smart; and have fun!



- I will do my best to attend all practices and games and be on time. When I cannot, I will inform the coaches in advance.
- I will show appreciation to my parents by making sure that (i) I have completed all of my school work when I am supposed to, (ii) I am ready to leave for the field when they're ready, and (iii) I have kept track of all of my lacrosse gear.

I understand that if I break these promises, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by an official, coach, and/or Mars Youth Lacrosse Board Member
- Written warning with parent conference
- Game(s) suspension with written documentation of incident
- Season suspension
- Suspension or expulsion from Mars Youth Lacrosse

The Mars Youth Lacrosse coaches and board members will deal with unacceptable conduct at their sole discretion, imposing warnings, suspension or expulsion, as they deem appropriate. Any suspension or expulsion based on violations of the Code of Conduct will not be accompanied by a refund.

Being a member of Mars Youth Lacrosse is a position of responsibility and accountability. Your signature below indicates that you have read and agreed to this Code of Conduct and know that the consequences of violating it can include expulsion from any activity or Mars Youth Lacrosse.

Print Player's Name _____

Player Signature _____ Date _____