

## **USC Girls Youth Lacrosse Club Code of Conduct, updated 5/3/18**

Upper St. Clair Girls Youth Lacrosse Club, LLC Parent, Player and Coach Code of Conduct Youth Sports should be fun for players, coaches and parents Upper St. Clair Girls Youth Lacrosse Club, LLC (USCGLAX) believes that all of our children should be allowed to develop a love for each sport they participate in while also learning the value of sportsmanship. With this in mind, USCGLAX firmly believes that all parents and coaches play an important role in our programs, and that young athletes learn valuable lessons by watching the behaviors and attitudes of the adults who supervise their activities. We take very seriously our responsibility to help our players learn and demonstrate fundamentals, as well as proper knowledge and respect of the game. We are committed to helping parents in building character in our players. USCGLAX also recognizes that sports are competitive by nature. Therefore, USCGLAX pledges to create a positive learning experience where our children learn the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship, while at the same time learn to play and respect the game. The USCGLAX Code of Conduct and the Practice Good Sportsmanship Policy are in place to help support our players, coaches and parents. Please make sure you read and adhere to the following USCGLAX Code of Conduct Policies at all times.

### **PARENT AND COACH CODE OF CONDUCT:**

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child, and other children, participating in youth sports by following this Parents and Coaches Code of Conduct. I also understand that this is a Zero Tolerance policy. I will have my child arrive on time for all games and practices and let the coach know in advance if my child will be absent, arriving late or leaving early. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event. I will not engage in any type of physical or verbal abuse of any official, player, coach or spectator at any time. I will never question or dispute a referee call with words or actions. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child, and other children, ahead of my personal desire to win, and keep in mind that the game is for our children - not for adults. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events. I will insist that my child treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability. Any concerns about how the club is run, how coaches are coaching or how referees are officiating should be referred to the team communications manager first, and if not satisfied, then to USCGLAX Board of Directors. I will contact the USCGLAX and report any type of physical or verbal abuse or non-fair play that I eyewitness. I understand, that in order for my child to be eligible for play, I must complete all required forms and applications, and pay the required membership and sport fees as per the USCGLAX direction.

### **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT:**

I understand that I am representing the USCGLAX and pledge to follow this Code of Conduct. I understand that playing for USCGLAX is a privilege which may be lost if I choose not to follow this code. Finally, I also understand that this is a Zero Tolerance policy. I will encourage my teammates at all times and put my team first ahead of my personal needs. I will treat our fields and fields of our hosts with respect. I will be considerate of those around me including watching my language. I will never question or dispute a referee call with words or actions. I will be on the field, dressed and prepared at the start of practice. I will be aware that I am representing USCGLAX and that my actions are a direct reflection on the club. I will Respect the Game. USCGLAX reserves the right to discipline a player for any off field incidents, including the use of social media even if the incidents do not relate to the club.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS USCGLAX CODE OF CODUCT AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. I AM AWARE THAT ANY FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THIS CODE OF CODUCT WILL

SUBJECT THE PARENT AND/OR MY CHILD TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION FROM USCGLAX. THIS DISCIPLINARY ACTION MAY INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING: EXTRA RUNNING, FORFEITED PLAYING TIME; SUSPENSION AND/OR EXPULSION FROM USCGLAX, AS WELL AS ALL USCGLAX SPONSORED ACTIVITIES WITHOUT REFUND OF ANY MONIES PAID. I AGREE THAT ALL DECISIONS IN THESE MATTERS MADE BY USCGLAX ARE FINAL AND BINDING.

In addition, I understand that failure to accept this Code of Conduct will make my child ineligible to participate in any USCGLAX sponsored activity for the calendar year. USCGLAX's Code of Conduct is strict and serious in our sport. All people associated with the game are always expected to act with sportsmanship, dignity and respect for others. This includes coaches, parents, players and referees. Poor sportsmanship includes:

- Arguing with coaches, officials, teammates, opponents or spectators
- Using threatening or profane language
- Baiting or taunting coaches, officials, teammates, opponents or spectators
- Unsafe play
- Uncontrolled behavior in the bench area
- Offensive behavior and/or bullying behavior off field including the use of social media.

Poor sportsmanship will carry one or more of the following consequences depending on the situation reviewed by the Coaches and USCGLAX Board: Verbal warning, Dismissal from the game, Dismissal from more than one game or tournament, Dismissal from the team.

We, parent(s) and player, have discussed the USCGLAX Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it. We understand that there is no refund or recourse for dismissal from our program as a consequence of breaking this Code of Conduct. I agree with the USCGLAX Code of Conduct and acknowledge by typing my initials: \*