

## **Cougar lacrosse Club Lacrosse**

### **Code of Conduct**

The Cougar Lacrosse Club (CLC) has adopted and abides by the US Lacrosse Youth Council Code of Conduct and adheres to the teachings of the Positive Coaching Alliance. A complete copy of the US Lacrosse Youth Council Code of Conduct is available at [http://leaguelineup.com/branchburglacrosse/files/LAX-%20US%20Lax%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20\\_brief\\_.pdf](http://leaguelineup.com/branchburglacrosse/files/LAX-%20US%20Lax%20Code%20of%20Conduct%20_brief_.pdf) and its principle terms are set forth below.

The Code of Conduct is a condition of membership in US Lacrosse. All CLC participants, including without limitation, players, coaches, officials, parents, guardians and spectators, agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and to accept the consequences of violations of the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct is included or incorporated by reference in every registration form for the CLC. Grievances must be communicated through the proper channels in accordance with the CLC Grievance Policy. All enforcement decisions made by representatives of the CLC are final and not subject to review. No refunds will be granted to those players whose CLC membership is revoked for violation of the Code of Conduct. In registering to participate in an CLC program, you acknowledge and agree that you and your affiliated CLC participants have read and will comply with the Code of Conduct.

### **US LACROSSE AND THE POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE STATEMENT**

US Lacrosse and the Positive Coaching Alliance have partnered to establish and promote positive coaching throughout the sport of lacrosse. In addition, US Lacrosse is committed to preserve the "Honor of the Game" for all who enjoy the sport of lacrosse. To help fulfill this commitment, US Lacrosse requires all players, coaches, officials, parents, guardians and spectators to sign and abide by a "Code of Conduct" that embodies basic common sense principles; demonstrates consideration of others; and projects a positive image to our young men and women. Individuals and/or teams participating in US Lacrosse events that fail to abide by this code will be subject to ejection and disqualification from future US Lacrosse events. Thank you for your help in promoting these principles.

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Players, coaches, officials, parents, guardians and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect for and dignified treatment of, other players, coaches, officials, parents, guardians and spectators. 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 principles will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can earn and main a positive image that makes its full contribution to youth sports in the United States and around the world.

US Lacrosse supports the following behaviors for those participating or involved in anyway with US Lacrosse in general:

- The essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be adhered to.
- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- The emphasis on winning should never be placed above the value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, teamwork or the skills of the game.
- Derogatory comments are unacceptable. Use positive reinforcement with players and adults alike. It should be remembered that criticism once made can never be retracted.
- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as with adults.
- Officials are expected to conduct themselves as professionals in a manner that demonstrates courtesy and fairness to all parties, while exercising their authority on the field.
- Adults involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass, or threaten an official.
- Knowledge of the Rules of Lacrosse must be respected and adhered to by all who participate in the game of lacrosse, both in letter and the spirit of the game. Attempts to manipulate the rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Eligibility requirements, such as age and previous level of participation, must be followed.

These requirements have been established to encourage and maximize participation, as well as promote safety.