



Desert Vista Lacrosse Club Lacrosse Conduct Code (LCC): 2011 Season

Philosophy:

The coaching staff of the Desert Vista Lacrosse Club requires that training and school rules be observed by the club players. Players who choose to participate in the club are required to abide by these rules and refrain from activities that impede their ability to perform at an optimum level. Further, Players are expected to conduct themselves in a manner, which positively promotes Desert Vista Lacrosse, fellow players and our community. It is considered a privilege to represent the Desert Vista Lacrosse Club. This Conduct Code is in addition to the AYLL Code of Conduct that is signed by each player and parent prior to the start of each season.

Everyone associated with the club shall conduct the lacrosse program in a manner that upholds the highest standards of ethics and sportsmanship. We shall be concerned with the health, safety, and well being of participants and treat them with respect.

Parents are encouraged to support the lacrosse endeavors of their children and should expect their children to uphold the LCC.

Players should strive to achieve their highest personal and athletic potential. This can best be achieved by embracing a lifestyle that embodies respect for others, cooperation, integrity, self-discipline, and a positive attitude toward competition. Because playing with the club is both an honor and a privilege and, as such, carries responsibilities, student participants shall adhere to this LCC.

Notification:

Any lacrosse player accused of misconduct will be notified as soon as possible of any allegations, investigation, and disciplinary action imposed by the Head Coach or in the absence of the Head Coach, the Assistant Coach(s). The Head Coach or Assistant Coach(s) may impose restrictions on the Player pending any disciplinary action and has discretion to evaluate mitigating circumstances and modify any disciplinary action involved under this code. In cases where there has been a violation of this code, the Head Coach will determine the appropriate action(s) to be taken. A reinstatement conference with the player, parent/guardian, Head Coach/Assistant Coach is required after the first and second offenses before the player can resume playing. A termination conference is recommended after a third offense.

Prohibited Conduct and Consequences:

The LCC applies to any misconduct during the school year and to conduct on and off school property. Any instance of misconduct during the school year, including breaks, will result in the player being referred to the Head Coach for disciplinary action. During the school year means from the first day of school through the last day that school is in session for that school year.

Rules of Conduct:

Rule 1: No player may knowingly possess, have under his/her control, prepare, use, purchase, offer to purchase, sell, offer to sell, administer, dispense, give, furnish, or deliver to another, nor may any player be under the influence of:

- Any controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by state and federal laws, without regard to amount, including but limited to alcohol, marijuana, any narcotic drug, hallucinogen, stimulant, depressant, amphetamine, steroid, or barbiturate;
- Any simulated controlled substance or dangerous drug as defined by state and federal law without any regard to amount;
- Any abusable glue, aerosol paint, or any other volatile chemical substance used for a purpose not intended by the manufacturer;
- Any other intoxicant or mood changing, mind altering, or behavior-altering drugs, including pills and other over the counter stimulants and sedatives used in a manner not intended by the manufacturer;
- Any drug paraphernalia, standard and non-standard, as determined by the coaching staff of the Desert Vista Lacrosse Club.

Rule 2: No player may use / consume / possess a tobacco product

Rule 3: No player may engage in conduct that adversely affects the Desert Vista Lacrosse Club, including conduct that damages the reputation or image of Desert Vista Lacrosse.

Consequences for Violations of Rules:

First Offense: Suspension for a minimum of 2 games with the student expected to attend a school approved chemical education program, after which he may return to playing status. During this time, the student may or may not be able to practice with the team at the Coaches discretion

Second Offense: The student will be removed from the team for the remainder of the school year with no refund.

Any athlete who presents himself to the Head Coach as having a substance abuse problem will retain full practice and playing privileges as long as the following conditions are met:

If the admission of said abuse is initiated by the athlete, and is the admission is NOT being made as a means of escaping disciplinary action:

The athlete and parents are referred, and begin receiving counseling at a recommended treatment center within one week of admission.

These provisions are written in order to allow an athlete to seek help, not to escape normal disciplinary actions.

Eligibility Requirements:

There are three ways that a player can become ineligible to play Lacrosse through the eligibility process. This is through academics, attendance, and conduct.

Students must be passing all classes to be eligible to practice and play in a game. Players and/or parents are required to let the head coach know when a player is failing a class. A plan will be discussed on how to get the grade up from failing and then participation will be discussed.

Students who are absent from school for more than two periods are not allowed to participate that day's practice or game held after school. It is the players' responsibility to notify the coach of his absence that day. Players who do attend practice without having attended school for at least 2 periods will be ineligible for the next game. Any unexcused absence from school or practice will result in the players' ineligibility for the next game. Exceptions may be made for emergency absences as long as they are cleared ahead of time with the head coach.

Players must notify the Head Coach or Assistant Coach in person or by phone of a practice that they will miss. Coaches will determine if it is an excused or unexcused reason. If no notification is given, then it is automatically an unexcused practice.

Players that miss a practice excused or unexcused may not start in the next game, but may play.

A player that misses two or more unexcused practices will not play in the next game.

Any issues that need to be discussed with the Coach will be done at a time other than a game day. Coaches are available for meetings with players and parents after any practices with advance notice given to the coaches.

Player's Name: _____

Player's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____