

## WHSBLA CODE OF CONDUCT

Lacrosse is the oldest American game. Native Americans have played it since long before the colonies were settled, and at the high school level it has been played since the late 1800's. This increases the importance of a sense of community among those who play, coach, work and follow the game of lacrosse. To establish and maintain a sense of community, we cannot ignore the way the game itself is played and the responsibilities we as coaches and administrators have to the game.

### **Responsibilities to the Game**

Coaches are role models. As such, they shall always conduct themselves so as to maintain the highest principles, integrity and dignity of the game of lacrosse.

Coaches are responsible for knowing, understanding and following all the rules of the game as established and directed by the National Federation of State High School Associations and the WHSBLA.

Coaches must adhere to both the letter and the spirit of all the rules.

Coaches are responsible for insuring that all players understand the rules and their spirit. All participants in the game of lacrosse must adhere to the letter and spirit of all the rules.

Coaches recognize that officials are major participants in the game. The Coach shall neither exhibit nor tolerate any behavior from others (staff and squad) – verbal or otherwise – that might reflect poorly on an official. This includes, but is not limited to arguing a judgment call in such a manner as to incite players and spectators against an official. There are approved methods by which a Coach may comment on an official's performance through WHSBLA. Public displays of displeasure – before, during, or after a contest – are not among these approved methods.

Win with character, lose with dignity.