



Northborough-Southborough Youth Lacrosse Association Philosophy:

- **Our Mission**

Our mission is to promote and honor the sport of lacrosse for the purpose of developing a love of the game through positive coaching, community among players, parents, coaches and officials. Our goal in honoring the game is that the game of Lacrosse teaches life lessons beyond the playing field, in doing so we recognize the importance of all players, and participation regardless of ability, talent or skill.

Mass Bay Youth Lacrosse League Philosophy:

There are no standings kept, no league championship or playoffs. We play all players as equally as possible with the goal of teaching the sport and providing a fun experience for all involved. We police ourselves in the effort to provide an outlet for kids that has not been swept up in the pressure filled, win-at-all-cost mania that is too present in today's youth sports.

***MASS BAY YOUTH LACROSSE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP / CODES OF CONDUCT
PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO COACHES, PLAYERS AND PARENTS***

Our goal is to set and maintain high standards of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity throughout the MBYLL program. It is our responsibility to provide the discretion and constant vigilance under which good sportsmanship can prosper and have a positive impact on our children: the leaders of tomorrow.

The value of the lessons learned by exhibiting good sportsmanship will last a lifetime. The positive actions of a coach, athlete or spectator at an event can influence how the MBYLL is perceived in the community.

We are asking for your support in this effort by emphasizing to your son or daughter what is expected of them at an event as a competitor or spectator. We urge you to ask your children to demonstrate self-control and self discipline and at the same time, enjoy the game.

Finally, we ask you to set a good example when in the stands at a game or practice. It is through these efforts that we can clearly communicate what is acceptable behavior. We hope that your positive example will help set the tone for those around you.

When you attend the game, you are given the privilege to watch the game and voice your support of our teams. We want that support to be positive.

Thank you in advance for your positive influence and enjoy the sport.





Coaches' code:

1. Enthusiastically supports and practices "Everyone plays" and extends positive coaching philosophies of the MBYLL
2. Be reasonable in your demands on the young players' time, energy, enthusiasm and their performance on the field
3. Impress on your players that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times
4. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents, and for the judgment of referees and opposing coaches
5. Ensure that your players' experience is one of fun and enjoyment (winning is only part of it). Players should never be yelled at or ridiculed for making mistakes or losing a game.
6. Set a good example and be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Children need a coach that they can respect.
7. Keep informed about sound principles of coaching, growth and development principles relating to children.
8. Enlist the support of your team's parents in your efforts to develop the proper attitudes and values in the players.

Parents Code:

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.
2. Remember that children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
3. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than a victory.
4. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Your child will then be a winner, even in defeat.
5. Do not ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Set a good example. Children learn best by good examples.
7. Applaud good plays by your team and by members of the opposing team.
8. Do not publicly question referee judgment.
9. Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches, referees, and officials and give them their due respect. Without them, there would not be the MBYLL.
10. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sporting activities.

Player's Code:

1. Play for the fun of it, not just to please your parents or coach.
2. Play by the rules.
3. Never argue with or complain about the referee calls or decisions.
4. Control your temper and most of all resist the temptation to retaliate when you feel you have been wronged.
5. Concentrate on playing lacrosse and on affecting the outcome of the game with your best effort.
6. Be a good sport by cheering all good plays, whether it is your teams or your opponent's.
7. Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve skills and feel good. Don't be a "showoff".
8. Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and referees.

Signed

PLAYER NAME

PARENT NAME

DATE

