



CODE OF CONDUCT

LACROSSE: Lacrosse is the oldest American sport. Native Americans played lacrosse centuries ago, long before our colonies were settled through lacrosse; Native Americans celebrated and emphasized their spiritual and cultural values. The first purpose of the game is spiritual. It is a medicine game to be played upon request of any individual, clan, nation or the Confederacy itself. Lacrosse is a process that binds communities and nations together. This is the reason that we say it was a gift to our people from the Creator. Lacrosse is a "medicine" game because it promotes the health and strength of the Nation, ensuring a continuance of our tradition and an understanding of our ways. The second purpose of the game is cultural. Competing teams are structured according to the clans of each nation. The game is played upon the request of any individual within the community requiring or desiring its services. There are traditional processes of preparation for the individuals who play. This requires discipline and special instruction. The process includes the understanding and use of traditional medicine gathered from the forests. Accordingly, reverence, respect, responsibility and language are fundamental to the process. It requires cooperation, fair play, discipline, stamina, pride and good health.

In an effort to promote appropriate values in the modern game, US Indoor Lacrosse promotes positive coaching and good sportsmanship at all levels of lacrosse. US Indoor Lacrosse has included the following "Lacrosse Code of Conduct" as part of its application process to encourage and foster appropriate values in players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators. US Indoor Lacrosse believes that it should be a priority of every lacrosse player, team, program and league to "Honor the Game".

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Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents and fans. 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 elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to Professional and Amateur sports in the United States and around the world. US Indoor Lacrosse supports the following behaviors for those who participate in the sport or are involved in any way with US Indoor Lacrosse. The following essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be followed.

- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
- 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 adults.

- Coaches should always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, officials and spectators alike. Players should be specifically encouraged and positively reinforced by coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, officials and spectators.
- Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
- Coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect to players/ teammates. Coaches are also expected to educate their players as to the important role of lacrosse officials and reinforce the ideal of respect for the official to players / teammates.
- Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants
- Officials are professionals and are therefore expected to conduct themselves as such and in a manner that demonstrates total impartiality, courtesy and fairness to all parties.
- Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.
- Coaches must be able to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the rules of lacrosse, and should adhere to the rules in both the letter and the spirit of the game.
- Coaches should provide a basic knowledge of the rules to both players and spectators within his/her program. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, team transfers, etc. have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.
- If at any time you are removed from the league due to disciplinary action, you will not receive a refund of your registration.



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