



## **Hoya Youth Lacrosse Coaches' Code of Conduct and Ethics**

The function of a coach is to educate players through participation in competition. Each student-athlete should be treated as though he or she was the coaches' own, and his or her welfare should be uppermost at all times. Accordingly, the following guidelines for coaches have been adopted by the Hoya Youth Lacrosse Board of Directors.

The coach shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the student-athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

The coach shall uphold the honor and dignity of the program. In all personal contact with student-athletes, officials, program directors, the participating league/association, and the parents/families involved in the program, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The coach shall master the contest rules and shall teach them to his team members. The coach shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

The coach shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with board members and participating families.

The coach shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

**As a Hoya Youth Lacrosse Coach, I will:**

- Attempt to maximize the potential of every player on the team through positive coaching techniques and leadership.
- Understand that each player is unique and may require alternative coaching techniques; one coaching style may not fit all players.
- Provide clear expectations for players and parents for practices and games.
- Make every effort at equitable playing time for players on developmental or recreational team.
- Emphasize that winning is a result of good teamwork.
- Remove a player from the field at practice or game if there is an injury or appears to be an injury until competent medical advice is available.
- Treat all players, fans, officials and coaches with respect regardless of their race, sex, creed or ability and insure that the players do the same as well.
- Accept decisions of game officials and judges on the field as being fair and called to the best of the abilities of said officials.
- Together with the officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.
- Abstain from possession of and consumption of alcoholic beverages and possession and use of illegal substances on both the game and practice fields.
- Uphold the rules and regulations set forth by MAYLA, US Lacrosse & HYL.

**As a Hoya Youth Lacrosse Coach, I will NOT:**

- Criticize Hoya Youth Lacrosse players, opposing players, coaches or fans in any way (verbal, physical gesture, or electronic or other communication).
- Smoke or use smokeless tobacco on the field at practices or games.
- Use abusive, obscene or profane language at any time.
- Run up scores or encourage the team to get a commanding lead and raise the score as high as possible. In this situation, every effort shall be made to play every player.
- Collect neither financial nor non-financial compensation for coaching in this program.
- Permit an ineligible player to participate in a game.
- Deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.

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Signature

Date