

Madison Youth Lacrosse CODE OF CONDUCT

~ HONOR THE GAME ~

Lacrosse should be fun for players, coaches and parents.

Madison Youth Lacrosse believes that girls and boys should develop skills and a love for the game of lacrosse while also learning the value of sportsmanship.

To enable the athletes who wish to play lacrosse under MYL's philosophy of a positive experience, learn to play and love the game and to nurture within them a sense of respect for others, Madison Youth Lacrosse would like to offer some guidelines for players, coaches and parents.

Players -

1. "HONOR THE GAME" of lacrosse. Display good sportsmanship at all times on and off the field. Set a positive example.
2. Respect your teammates, coaches, referees and opponents at all times, even when others do not. Coaches and referees give their time for your benefit and should be respected.
3. Give 100% effort at each practice and game.
4. Support and encourage your teammates. Players should understand that lacrosse is a team game, and they should strive to be "team players."
5. Know the rules of the game of lacrosse and abide by them.
6. Wear the required equipment at all games and practices, and keep your equipment well maintained.
7. Don't be afraid to make mistakes; that is part of learning.
8. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
9. Obscene language or gestures will not be tolerated.
10. Learn from your coaches; practice hard; play smart; Have Fun!

Coaches - Madison Youth Lacrosse firmly believes that young athletes learn valuable lessons by watching the behaviors and attitudes of the adults who supervise their activities.

1. "HONOR THE GAME" of lacrosse. Teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices. You are role models!
2. A coach is a role model who must act with the highest moral character possible.
3. Coaches must reinforce the self-image of each player. A coach must be positive and constructive.
4. Respect the game of lacrosse. Respect the officials.
5. Teach the rules of lacrosse. Abide by those rules in practices and games.
6. Establish objectives for the team and players and inform them of team and individual goals.
7. Emphasize the FUN of the game and the team, putting forth effort at all times, not wins and losses.
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Parents - Madison Youth Lacrosse firmly believes that young athletes learn valuable lessons by watching the behaviors and attitudes of adults.

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2. Know the rules of the game of lacrosse.
3. Respect the game of lacrosse. Respect the officials. Respect the coaches, who give their time for the benefit of the athletes.
4. Do not coach your child. Let players play and coaches coach, and support both positively.
5. Emphasize the FUN of the game and the team, putting forth effort at all times, not wins and losses.
6. Do not EVER criticize players regardless of the circumstance.
7. Follow the "24 Hour Rule"; if you have a complaint resulting from a game (or practice) situation, speak with the coach on the following day.
8. If there is a serious problem, notify the MYL Division Director.

All -

1. Any conduct, including abusive language and/or gestures, hitting, racially insensitive remarks, damage to property or belongings, or any other conduct that reflects poorly on yourself or MYL is deemed to be unacceptable and will not be tolerated. This rule applies to all players, parents, coaches, siblings and guests at all times when in or around games or practices as a member of MYL.
2. During a tournament or game when you are away, you represent the Town of Madison and MYL. Any conduct such as destruction of property, consumption of drugs or alcohol, shoplifting, or any other such activity will not be tolerated. This rule applies for the entire time one is away for a game or tournament.

The Board of Directors of MYL will deal with unacceptable conduct at its sole discretion, imposing warnings, suspension or expulsion, as it deems appropriate. ANY SUSPENSION OR EXPULSION BASED ON VIOLATIONS OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOT BE ACCOMPANIED BY A REFUND.

Player's Signature

Date

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Player's Birthdate (Player and Parent, please initial)

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date