

Sycamore Youth Lacrosse – Coach Code of Conduct

I agree as a coach:

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all

players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.

2. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players

on and off the field.

3. I will express humility as a winner and will be a gracious loser. I shall expect no less

from my players and fans.

4. I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of my team’s fans and parents. I

shall actively use my influence to promote sportsmanship among my teams’ fans and

parents.

5. Fans or parents that become abusive or disorderly will be asked by the officials and

coaches to leave. I will fully support this decision by the referee(s) and will work

closely with the officials and any field and/or league personnel in quickly resolving

problems that arise.

6. I will not engage in any outburst of anger or vulgarity directed at any official, player,

coach, league or field official, or spectator.

7. I will abstain from throwing any objects in disgust.

8. I shall respect and support the game officials. I shall not indulge in conduct that will

incite the players or spectators against officials.

9. I will speak with the referees in a civil, calm manner. I will refrain from arguments in

front of players and spectators and from excessive arguments. I will not enter the field in order to confront a referee, and will not confront a referee about his calls after the game.

10. If I am an assistant coach, I will primarily allow the Head Coach to resolve issues

11. I shall respect my opponents, display gracious behavior during the game, and

Require my players to conduct themselves in a similar fashion. Before and after the

game, I shall meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the tone for the game.

12. I shall not openly criticize the officials or the opponent’s players or coaches. I shall

not give instruction to or make demeaning comments to or about an opposing team’s

coaches or players.

13. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the

children and not for the adults.

14. I will place the emotional and physical well being of each of my players above

my personal desire to win.

15. I shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest

desirable ideals of character.

16. I recognize the importance of the player’s academic development and will promote

the proper balance between athletic and academic activities.

17. I will teach my players in a positive, nurturing environment. I will not berate, intimidate, or bully my players into learning.

18. I will treat each player as an individual and expect age appropriate skills from all of

my players.

19. I will comply with playing time philosophies to attempt to play all players equal time

20. I will insist that each player play in a safe and healthy environment.

21. I will properly educate players as to the importance of teamwork, effort, and good

sportsmanship, and will provide players with the best education and instruction

possible by continually working to improve my coaching skills.

22. I shall learn the rules that apply to the game, including league rules, and

shall interpret those rules to my players.

23. I will direct my players at all times to play by the rules and to show respect for the other players, coaches, and officials. I shall not try to seek an advantage by circumventing the spirit or the letter of the rules, and I will not ignore or deliberately break any rules.

24. I will not encourage nor allow my team to "run up" the score against an opponent.

25. I shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use by

the players.

26. I shall not use or possess illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco, or be under

the influence of any illegal drugs or alcohol, at any practice or game.

27. I will not allow a player who has not been assigned to my team or who is not

eligible to play under league rules to play in any game.

28. During any game in which I am subject to a suspension, I will not attend the game or

be on the premises of the game facility.

29. Any violation of this code of conduct may result in disciplinary action which among other things may include a suspension or removal of a coach.