



Danvers Youth Lacrosse

Expectations for Coach and Player Etiquette

Our Mission for the game of lacrosse in the Town of Danvers is to continue to grow as a respected program - rooted in integrity, honor and example. Our coaches and parents work to foster leadership and teamwork among our players and strive to instill positive behaviors in our growing athletes. We expect players to be respectful and to take responsibility when representing the Town of Danvers and we encourage players and teammates to do the same. As coaches - it is expected that you adhere to MBYLL and MBGLL expectations - and that you strive to uphold the mission of growth, example and leadership above anything else.

MBYLL expectations state:

- *Our mission is to teach, grow and honor the game of lacrosse.*
- *Our philosophy is all players participate equally (i.e. equal playing time) on evenly balanced teams at every age level based on player skill, experience, size and grade in all games.*
- *Our goal is for all players, coaches, teams and programs reflect role-model sportsmanship on and off the field while learning and teaching the fundamental skills and teamwork required to play the game well.*
- *We honor the game by practicing positive coaching, teaching life lessons beyond the playing field and developing a strong community among players, parents, coaches, officials and fans.*

Mass Bay Girls Lacrosse League (MBGLL) expectations include “Guidelines for Honoring the Game”:

The key to preventing adult misbehavior in youth sports is a youth sports culture in which all involved “Honor the Game.” Honoring the game gets to the ROOTS of the matter and involves respect for the Rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates, and one’s Self.

- *You don’t bend the rules to win.*
- *You understand that a worthy opponent is a gift that forces you to play to your highest potential.*
- *You show respect for officials even when you disagree.*
- *You refuse to do anything that embarrasses your team. You live up to your own standards even if others don’t.*

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Danvers Youth Lacrosse Board members to help you with parent/family situations where you may need support. The DYL Board of Directors aims to provide fairness and unbiased support to players and their families in any situation related to the league. All communication regarding suggestions or concerns from coaches and parents should be directed through the President of the DYL Board of Directors who will work with other board members, when appropriate, to rectify all matters.