



CHILLIWACK MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT FORM

As a member of the Chilliwack Minor Lacrosse Association, I state the following:

- I will play lacrosse because I want to, not because others want me to.
- I will play by the rules of lacrosse, and in the spirit of the game.
- I will show respect at all times for all coaches, all referees, all players, all spectators, and all lacrosse association officials.
- I will control my temper. I will not fight or use foul or abusive language or inappropriate gestures. I will not throw equipment. I will not goad or taunt the opponent.
- I will be a team player. I will cooperate with my coaches and teammates.
- I know that winning isn't everything - having fun, playing fair, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are all important.
- I will remember that, instead of focusing on one aspect of the game such as scoring goals, developing my skills as a well-rounded lacrosse player will contribute the most to my team.
- I will acknowledge all good play - that of my team-mates and of my opponents.
- I understand that coaches are there to coach and not to improve my behaviour. If I am found to be behaving badly, my coach is permitted to remove me from the event. Furthermore, the responsibility of my behaviour outside of team-sanctioned events is not that of team staff but is the responsibility myself, and of my family or guardian.
- I will never take part in a practice, game or team event while under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.
- I will not take part in any form of bullying, either to an opposing player or to a player on my team. Bullying in any form, whether in person, electronically (any form of social media) will not be tolerated.
- I will admit my mistakes instead of making excuses or blaming others.
- I will win with character and lose with dignity. I will lead by example, with a positive attitude.

GAMES AND PRACTICES

- I recognize that practices and games are equally important.
- I will arrive at the arena before practices and games according to the standards set by my team coach.
- If I cannot make a game, or practice, I will notify the team coach at least 24 hours in advance.
- I will not speak or distract others while coaches are speaking or providing feedback. I will remain focused and do my best to help improve my team.
- I will respect referees, their calls and decisions by not talking back, or showing any inappropriate negative reaction.
- I realize that players who attend practices may get priority in the game starting line-up. Starting line-ups are based on several factors including attendance at practices, player's position, effort, attitude, etc.
- I will turn off all electronic devices (cell phones, video games, etc.) before arrival at my practice, game or team event and leave them off until I am finished.
- I will leave all venues as neat and tidy as I found them and will remove all refuse from my area.

MY UNIFORM

- I will take good care of my uniform and wear it only on game days.
- I will not wear my jersey for practice sessions.
- I will wear the appropriate equipment, and bring my own water bottle to all games and practices.

DISCIPLINE

- I recognize that the team coach will handle infractions that occur at times other than during a game.
- I recognize that infractions that occur during the game are governed by the Laws of the Game and will be decided by the Referee. I recognize there may also be further action upon serious infractions, including suspensions or fines, administered by the league discipline committee.

CONSEQUENCES

- If for any reason the Code of Conduct is not followed by the player, any [one or more] of the following steps may be taken by the coach or the CMLA:
 - Reduce the playing time of the player.
 - Suspend the player for some time period.
 - Remove the child from the team.

APPEAL PROCEDURE

- To appeal a disciplinary decision handed down by team coach, the player can apply in writing to Chilliwack Minor Lacrosse within 3 days of the decision. A committee formed of members from the executive shall hear all appeals.

I have read and understand the requirements of this code of conduct and agree to abide but these standards.

Player Name

Signature

Date

Parent Name

Signature

Date

