



2008 North Texas Youth Lacrosse Association Coaches' Code of Conduct

Objective

All North Texas Youth Lacrosse Association coaches are in a position in which they are able to leave lasting impressions on their players. It is in the best interest of the NTYLA that there be a uniform code of conduct that all of our coaches are expected to uphold while they are in any NTYLA related event.

The Role of a Coach

Coaches are entrusted with a great responsibility every time a contest begins. Their professional and moral responsibility is to provide NTYLA participants quality coaching and a sense of safety and fair play at every NTYLA contest.

Sensible, organized competition under proper control provides benefits for NTYLA participants. Anything other than that distracts from the focus and purpose of youth athletics.

All NTYLA coaches must keep in mind, at all times, that they are representing themselves, their teams and their Association/School/Club. A coach's words and actions come under close scrutiny from students, parents, faculty and the community and will reflect positively or negatively on the program and the Association.

Structure

There are two documents that outline the Association's expectations of lacrosse coaches. These include:

NCAA rulebook;

North District Guidelines (also used at the High School level of play in Texas).

NCAA Rulebook

Rule 2-4/Game Personnel/Coaches

One of a team's coaches shall be designated the head coach. The head coach shall be responsible for making all decisions for that team not delegated specifically to the team's game captain. Additionally, it shall be the head coach's responsibility to see that players and substitutes are equipped properly to play.

The head coach shall act in a courteous manner and also shall endeavor in every way to achieve the same from players and substitutes. The head coach also shall be in control of and responsible for all actions of all non-playing members of his squad, and any and all persons officially connected with his institution.

Coaches shall assist the officials in keeping the game under control at all times. It shall be their duty, upon the request of an official, to control effectively actions of spectators not in conformity with standards of proper conduct. Officials will address questions from coaches only after the four-minute warning during half time. A representative from each team may be present while these questions are discussed. Officials should never entertain any questions until a representative of the other team is given the opportunity to be present.