



2008 North Texas Chapter of US Lacrosse Parent Code of Conduct and Standards of Behavior

IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION: The parents/guardians of every North Texas lacrosse player must sign and return this form. Players will NOT be able to play or practice until this form is completed and returned. Sportsmanship is paramount for programs in our area. We must make our lacrosse fields friendly, fun and full of competitive sportsmanship for all teams, parents, and the game officials. Violation of this code will not be tolerated.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Everyone in the game, including the parents and spectators, should have a sense of fair play. Satisfaction for players, coaches, parents and spectators should come from watching athletes playing their hardest and doing their best. We should applaud and enthusiastically cheer good plays on both sides.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Any parent or spectator violating the Code of Conduct and Standards of Behavior will be banned from attending games for a specified or indefinite period of time based on a review and ruling by the lacrosse coaches and administration of each North Texas affiliated league.

PARENTS' AND SPECTATORS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Be respectful of and do not embarrass a participant by yelling at players, coaches, officials, or other parents. You are expected to treat all participants with respect and dignity. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, the player will benefit. Refrain from the use of abusive, obscene, or profane language and gestures.

Know the rules of the game and support the officials on and off the field. This approach will help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the officials hurts the game. Encourage players to play by the rules.

Display good sportsmanship. Applaud good effort in both victory and defeat, and enforce the positive points of the game. Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; enjoy the game together. Cheer and encourage fair play; profanity and objectionable cheers or gestures are offensive and will not be permitted.

Help provide a safe and fun environment. Throwing any items on the field or in the stands can cause injury to players, coaches and officials. Be responsible for your own safety. Be alert to prevent accidents from flying lacrosse balls and other avoidable situations.

Respect the field as private areas for players, coaches and officials.

Be supportive after the game win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Do not use tobacco products, alcohol or drugs while viewing the game.