



KEMPTVILLE & DISTRICT LACROSSE ASSOCIATION Coaches Code of Conduct

- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember, players are involved in Lacrosse for fun and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; don't yell at players.
- Adjust to personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; never verbally or physically abuse a player; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics.
- Help in improving the performance of the game officials; they are learning the game as well. Be supportive not critical. Attitude you show toward the game officials is passed onto your players.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players.
- Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of Lacrosse; encourage all your players to be team players.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents.
- Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits and clean living. To play the game is great, to love the game is greater.
- Treat all athletes fairly and equitably, regardless of their skill levels, and strive to provide fair playing time for every boy.
- Remember that these are children, not men. Their enjoyment is your highest priority.
- Communicate with the parents of your players and encourage them to be involved with your team and players.
- Always be on time and prepared for each practice and game.
- Strive to make practice time fun and educational: vary drills, invent skill games and encourage competition.
- Ensure that if you cannot attend any practice or game that you will have a qualified substitute to replace you, and that he/she is knowledgeable and capable of handling the demands of a youth sports program.
- Never criticize or argue with a game official.
- Always encourage your players through positive comment.
- Never criticize a player in front of his teammates.
- Never use sarcasm or exaggeration to make a point.
- Be friendly with your players, but deserve and demand their respect.
- Continue to educate yourself on the game and game techniques by attending other games and encourage your players and their parents to do the same.
- Always conduct yourself as a gentleman and demand no less from your players.
- Be responsive to parents' desires for their sons, to the extent possible in the team setting.
- Set a good example of sportsmanship with your players and parents at all times.

I, as a coach, have read and agree to abide to the best of my ability by the Kemptville & District Lacrosse Association coaches code of conduct for the 2007 season.

Coach (signature)

Convener

Coach (print name)

Date