

CYLA CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY

The following policy applies to all participants in CYLA athletic activities, including players, coaches, parents, guardians, and spectators and is intended to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants.

Players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, and fans. In becoming a member of the lacrosse community, an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse and its participants. The essential elements in the "Code of Conduct" are honesty and integrity. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to amateur youth sports in the United States and around the world. US Lacrosse and its Youth Council support the following behaviors for those participating or involved in any way with US Lacrosse and youth lacrosse in general: The essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be adhered to.

- Any conduct that does not represent CYLA in a positive light. As coaches, players and parents, you are representatives of Centennial Lacrosse, you should conduct yourselves responsibly and appropriately at all times;
- Swearing or the use of any foul, abusive, derogatory, or inappropriate language before, during or after a game/practice involving any league or official, players and coaches from other teams, teammates and/or their parents;
- Any bullying behavior, whether verbal or physical;
- Any chemical use that is illegal, including but not limited to alcohol and any tobacco products;
- Willfully defacing or damaging any facility property;
- Any fighting at a Centennial Lacrosse related activity;
- Any conduct detrimental to your team or CYLA;
- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- The emphasis on winning should never be placed above the value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, or the skills of the game. The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Derogatory comments are unacceptable. Use positive reinforcement with players and adults alike. It should be remembered that criticism, once made, can never be retracted.
- Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as with adults.
- Officials are expected to conduct themselves as professionals and in a manner that demonstrates courtesy and fairness to all parties while exercising their authority on the field.
- Adults involved with the game must never permit anyone to criticize openly or maliciously, badger, harass, or threaten an official.
- Knowledge of the Rules of Lacrosse must be respected and adhered to by all who participate in the game of lacrosse, both in the letter and the spirit of the game. Attempts

to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.

- Eligibility requirements, such as age and previous level of participation, must be followed. They have been established to encourage and maximize participation, as well as promote safety.

As a representative of CYLA every coach, parent, and athlete must at all times set examples of good sportsmanship.

Unsportsmanlike, abusive, or violent conduct will not be tolerated at any CYLA event or activities. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

- Arguing with coaches, officials, teammates, opponents, or spectators
- Using threatening or profane language
- Baiting or taunting coaches, officials, teammates, opponents, or spectators
- Unsafe play
- Uncontrolled behavior in the bench is not tolerated

It is a privilege to participate in athletic activities sponsored by CYLA. Coaches, players, parents, and spectators who do not conduct themselves appropriately will be subject to discipline by the Board, coaches and/or referees. No public disturbances, harassment, or misconduct will be tolerated. Discipline may include permanently barring a coach, parent/guardian and/or their player(s) from any and all CYLA athletic activities when it is in the judgment of the Board that such action is required.

In most cases, disciplinary action will be progressive and can include:

- i. A verbal warning;
- ii. A written warning;
- iii. Suspension from one or more CYLA activities;
- iv. Permanent bar of coach, parent/guardian and/or their player(s) from all CYLA athletic activities.

The type of disciplinary action imposed is at the discretion of the Board and nothing in this policy is intended to guarantee that the Board must or shall follow all disciplinary steps prior to suspending or barring any coach, parent/guardian and/or their player(s) with or without notice. If progressive discipline is pursued, steps i through iv may all take place in the same game/event, if warranted.

Any coach, parent/guardian, player, or spectator permanently barred from participation in CYLA athletic events due to their failure to adhere to the highest standards of sportsmanship may not reapply for reinstatement for two years.

IMPORTANT: THESE ARE MINIMUM CONSEQUENCES; ADDITIONAL CONSEQUENCES MAY BE IMPOSED DEPENDING ON THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE VIOLATION. THESE ARE IN ADDITION TO ANY CONSEQUENCES IMPOSED BY GNLL MSLAX AND USA LACROSSE.

Acknowledgement:

By signing this document, I certify that I understand the terms of the Code of Conduct and will agree to comply with these policies.