



Code of Conduct Policy

The following policy applies to all participants in West Islip Youth Lacrosse Club (WIYLC), including players, coaches, parents, guardians, and spectators and is intended to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants.

WIYLC encourages all lacrosse players, coaches, parents, and spectators to "COMPETE WITH CLASS and HONOR THE GAME" by conducting themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, parents, officials, and spectators. The essential elements in the "US Lacrosse Youth Council Event Participation Contract & Pledge" and "WIYLC 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 WILC.

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As a youth lacrosse coach in West Islip Youth Lacrosse Club, you are expected to:

1. "HONOR THE GAME" of lacrosse. Teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices.

You are role models!

2. Honor and teach the traditions of the game and respect the ancestors of the sport.

3. Come to your practices and games on time ready to coach, ready to improve your players' individual skills and team skills, and ready to make your time with your team an enjoyable one for all.

4. Give your players positive reinforcement and a fair amount of playing time.

5. Have a thorough understanding of the rules as they pertain to the youth game.

6. A coach is a role model, who must act with the highest moral character possible.

7. Coaches must reinforce the self-image of each player. A coach must be positive and constructive.

8. Teach the rules of lacrosse. Abide by those rules in practices and games.

9. Emphasize the FUN of the game and the team, putting forth effort at all times, not wins and losses.

10. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.

11. Any conduct, including foul & abusive language and/or gestures, taunting, fighting, damage to property or belongings, or any other conduct that reflects poorly on yourself or WIYLC Lacrosse is deemed to be unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

As a youth lacrosse parent in West Islip Youth Lacrosse Club, you are expected to:

1. "HONOR THE GAME" of lacrosse. Teach and practice good sportsmanship at all times. You are role models!
2. During practices and games, you will be asked to watch the action away from the players' benches and on the other side of the field. If you are a vocal parent, cheer good plays made by either team.
3. Respect the game of lacrosse. Respect the officials. Respect the coaches, who give their time for the benefit of the athletes.
4. Do not coach your child. Let players play and coaches coach, and support both positively.
5. Emphasize the FUN of the game and the team, putting forth effort at all times, not wins and losses.
6. Do not EVER criticize players regardless of the circumstance.
7. Follow the "24 Hour Rule"; if you have a complaint resulting from a game (or practice) situation, speak with the coach on the following day.
8. If there is a serious problem, notify the West Islip Youth Lacrosse Club Board Member.
9. Any conduct, including foul & abusive language and/or gestures, taunting, fighting, damage to property or belongings, or any other conduct that reflects poorly on yourself or West Islip Youth Lacrosse Club is deemed to be unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

ALL

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

Unsportsmanlike, abusive or violent conduct **will not be tolerated** at any WIYLC event or activities.

Unsportsmanlike conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

- a) Arguing with coaches, officials, teammates, opponents, or spectators.
- b) Using threatening or profane language.
- c) Baiting or taunting coaches, officials, teammates, opponents, or spectators.
- e) Uncontrolled behavior in the bench area.



VIOLATIONS/PENALTIES

Failure to abide by the rules, violations of the US Lacrosse Youth Council Event Participation Contract & Pledge and WIYLC Code of Conduct or other acts of infractions considered detrimental to WIYLC shall be subjected to the following penalties.

1st Offense

1. Meeting with coaches and parents to discuss incident.
2. Verbal warning followed by written warning.



Note: Depending on severity of incident, additional or more severe punishment could be administered inclusive of suspension and dismissal from program.

In the case of fighting, visually and/or verbally demonstrating signs of dissatisfaction with official's decision, another player, or a coach, the player/parent will be suspended for a minimum of one game and practices leading up to the next game.

2nd Offense

1. Meeting with coaches, WIYLC Board and parents to discuss incident.
2. Notice of suspension is given. While on suspension the person may not participate in any WIYLC events. Additional disciplinary action may be administered by WILC. Suspension periods will be determined the WIYLC Board.

Note: Depending on severity of incident, additional or more severe punishment could be administered inclusive of suspension and dismissal from program.

In the case of fighting, visually and/or verbally demonstrating signs of dissatisfaction with official's decision, another player, or a coach, the player/parent will be expelled from WIYLC for the season without refund.

3rd Offense

- Meeting with coaches, WIYLC Board and parents to discuss incident.
- In all cases, a third incident will be punishable by expulsion from West Islip Youth Lacrosse Club for the season without refund.

Coaches & Parents Code of Conduct Verification

I have read the Code of Conduct set forth by the West Islip Youth Lacrosse Club and agree to abide by its terms

Team/Grad Year _____

Coach Name (Print) _____

Parent Name (Print) _____

Date _____

Coach (Signature) _____

Parent (Signature) _____