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## PARENT EXPECTATIONS

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

To be read and signed by you as a parent of a team member: \_\_\_\_\_

Participating in Lacrosse for the \_\_\_\_\_ season.

1. We do not expect to win every game and neither should you especially since we compete against a lot of great teams. Playing competitive teams gives the players the opportunity to learn in a competitive environment. It is not always about winning, but about playing against the best and learning from each game. No matter what happens, we stay together as a team and a Storm Family.

2. Playing time is always a sensitive subject for parents. Our Playing Time Policy is very simple. Everyone will get a chance to play in every game but equal playing time is not always guaranteed, particularly for the older players and in the later stages of the game. We want to put the team and every player in a position to be successful.

3. We as coaches have players playing specific roles that we feel will make the team better as well as develop individual skills. These roles do not mean that your child is going to score 5 goals. The roles are given to each player based on what we feel as coaches will make the team better. It's plain and simple. This is about the team and we want to give each player an opportunity to shine on the field.

4. Tournaments are bonding experience for our players. Please make sure you are hanging out with your teammates in between games and maybe watch some other youth teams play as well!

5. Support the coaches and decisions we make. We at all times will do what we feel is best for the team. But we need the parents support and provide us with feedback when necessary. Believe in us and believe in what we do. If there is any issues or concerns, please let us know about it immediately.

6. Questions about performance, playing time, position change, etc. can always be answered. All of the coaches are approachable and want to make sure your kids are having a great experience.

7. If your child has not attended practice, or is not giving maximum effort at practice or during games, then it is very hard for us to put him or her on the field, particularly at the older levels. Please emphasize the need to give 100% effort during practices and games.

8. Games and tournaments are about the TEAM. It is not about " Ricky " and how many goals he scores. It is about the team and supporting the team Win or Lose. That means we must be supportive of all teammates and players win or lose.

9. Players must play smart on and off the field. We do not want foolish penalties that puts our teams in a tough spot. Yes, kids get knocked down illegally, but do not complain to the refs or retaliate. We have to stay composed regardless of the circumstance.

10. Behavior on the sidelines represents your team and the organization as a whole. Please be respectful of all other players, fans, and officials regardless of how they may be acting. Allow the coaches to address any issues with the officials. Players and fans should not interact with the officials. Remember everyone is out there to learn, and most importantly to have fun.

**Consequences:**

Any player who participates in group bullying, name calling, unsportsmanlike conduct and other behaviors unbecoming an athlete will be given a warning and depending on the severity of the action or if behavior continues, the player could be removed from the team.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_