

Last Chance Lacrosse Club Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

The **Last Chance Lacrosse Club (LCLC)** is committed to providing a safe, fun, and educational experience for all players. Our program is designed to help athletes succeed both on and off the field by promoting team commitment, friendship, skill development, physical fitness, sportsmanship, respectful behavior, academic achievement, and positive citizenship.

Volunteering

Volunteers are essential to the success of LCLC. All families are required to contribute their **time, talent, or treasure** to support our teams. There are many ways to get involved, including but not limited to:

- Official timekeeper or statistician
- Team representative
- Field committee
- Fundraising committee
- Volunteer coordinator
- Swap meet coordinator
- LCLC social media administrator

Families unable to commit time or talents may instead donate a **volunteer fee of \$125.00 per registered player per season.**

All volunteers are held to the same high standards of conduct outlined in this Code of Conduct. As an organization, we strive to be a model program for all of Montana High School Lacrosse.

Parental Expectations

All parents are expected to support and comply with the tenets of the **LCLC Player Code of Conduct**, assist when needed, and help make this the best lacrosse club in the state. Parents should also check the team website regularly for updates, announcements, and schedule changes.

Parents must not act in any way that demonstrates disrespect toward game officials, players, coaches, board members, or parents of LCLC teams or opposing teams.

Your Role as a Parent

- Be a positive role model.
- Show support for your player, the team, coaches, and volunteer board — win or lose.
- Control your emotions regarding team placement and game outcomes.
- Respect coaches, officials, and opposing players.
- Communicate with coaches in a respectful and positive manner.
- Encourage your player to set realistic goals based on ability and effort.
- Recognize improvement and understand that it's not all about winning.

We encourage parents to cheer and support our athletes enthusiastically. However, **unsportsmanlike behavior will not be tolerated.** Any parent exhibiting inappropriate behavior may be asked to leave the field and take time to cool off.

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When you step on the field as a spectator, your positive support is essential. Remember, lacrosse is a fast-paced, emotional sport — not every call or play will go our way. **Yelling, swearing, or taunting** players, fans, or referees is strictly prohibited. Negative behavior can result in penalties against the team, damage to our reputation, and disciplinary action.

Consequences for Misconduct

- **First Infraction:** Verbal warning and request to leave the field, if necessary.
- **Second Infraction:** Ejection from the premises and possible suspension from attending future games. Depending on the severity of the incident, the player may also face suspension.
- **Third Infraction:** May result in game forfeiture, further disciplinary action by the state, and potential expulsion of the player from the club with **no refund**.

All incidents will be documented and kept on file by the organization.

Postgame Conduct

Postgame discussions are for coaches and players only. Lacrosse is an intense and emotional sport, and this time is important for reflection and team unity. Please wait on the opposite side of the field until coaches have finished their postgame meeting. From warm-ups to the final team break, coaches and players need space to stay focused on their responsibilities.

Communication Between Parents and Coaches

As players mature into young adults, it is their responsibility to communicate directly with team captains and coaches about concerns or grievances. If, after speaking with a coach, an issue remains unresolved, parents may request a meeting.

Important Guidelines:

1. Do **not** confront a coach within **24 hours before or after a game**.
2. Parent/coach meetings must be conducted in neutral, public locations away from the field.
3. At least two (2) coaches or LCLC representatives must attend each meeting.
4. The player must also be present.

If you have general questions or concerns about club operations, please direct them to your **team representative** or the **LCLC Board of Directors**, not the team captains or coaches.

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