



## Code of Conduct For Athletes

The overall experience for athletes participating in sports should promote the development of healthy and positive values and attitudes toward themselves, peers, officials, and coaches. The following Code of Conduct has been developed to aid athletes in achieving a level of behavior consistent with the athletes becoming well-rounded, self-confident and productive leaders who best represent the Province of British Columbia in the Sport of Lacrosse.

Athletes have a responsibility to:

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
2. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of lacrosse and of the lacrosse player.
  - a) Refrain from public criticism of fellow athletes, coaches and officials.
  - b) Abstain from the use of tobacco products and discourage their use by fellow athletes and coaches.
  - c) Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating during the athletic event.
  - d) Abstain from possession or use of any substance prohibited by Federal or Provincial Law.
  - e) Adhere to the guidelines provided by the Canadian Center for Drug-Free Sport and abstain from the use of all Banned substances and methods.
  - f) Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language.
  - g) Refrain from vandalism and personal misconduct; to abstain from any malicious damage to property or persons.
  - h) Abstain from personal misconduct causing harassment of participants, officials, coaches or spectators.
3. Treat opponents and officials with respect, both in victory and defeat.
4. Uphold the rules of Field Lacrosse and the spirit of those rules.

### ATHLETES MUST:

1. Respect and maintain the dignity of coaches, officials, and fellow athletes; verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable.
2. Never advocate or condone the use of alcohol, drugs or banned performance enhancing substances or methods.
3. Abide by all team rules of mandatory attendance at team meetings, practices, games and curfew.

Consequence for breaking any team rules or the code of conduct will result in the athlete being immediately sent home at the parents' expense. **There will be a zero tolerance level regarding the breaking of this Code.**

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If under 19 years of age:

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_