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Dear GELC Members,

I hope this letter finds you well. As the lacrosse season is underway, I would like to take a moment to remind you of the acceptable behavior of our lacrosse teams.

First and foremost, we expect our athletes to always demonstrate good sportsmanship. This means showing respect for opponents, officials, and spectators at all times, regardless of the outcome of the game. We also expect our athletes to play with integrity and follow the rules of the game.

As a parent, we ask that you model good sportsmanship as well. This means refraining from negative comments or behavior towards the opposing team or its supporters. We also ask that you support the decisions of the officials and refrain from arguing with them during or after the game. Remember that the way you behave on the sidelines can have a significant impact on your child's behavior and attitude towards the sport of lacrosse.

It's important to remember that our teams are made up of young athletes who are still developing their skills and abilities. We ask that you refrain from placing undue pressure on your child or other players to win at all costs. Instead, focus on celebrating their effort, perseverance, and growth.

Lastly, please support our coaches and officials in their efforts to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for our players. Respect their decisions, even if you may disagree with them, and avoid confrontations or arguments that can detract from the game.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in promoting a positive and sportsmanlike environment for our athletes and their supporters. We look forward to a successful lacrosse season and appreciate your ongoing support.

Yours in lacrosse,

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