



Innisfail Minor Lacrosse Association

2024 Parent Code of Conduct for U15 & U17

Membership in IMLA is a privilege, not a right. Members must abide by the Bylaws and Policies & Procedures of IMLA. Members' behavior is expected to reflect the spirit of this code. All players must sign this form before being allowed to participate in IMLA.

- I will respect and adhere to all ideals, policies and rules determined by CLA, ALA and IMLA and shall be subject to IMLA Discipline Protocol (See Regulation 12 of IMLA Policies and Procedures;)
- I will show respect for the judgement and authority of the officials and coaches by supporting their decisions and not undermining their efforts. I will not verbally abuse officials or coaches;
- I will be a positive ambassador for my association and child's team and exhibit a high level of sportsmanship.
- I will refrain from behaviour which may have the effect of creating a negative, hostile or uncomfortable team environment. I will refrain from comments or behaviours that are disrespectful, offensive, abusive, harassing, bullying, racist or sexist and keep control of my temper.
- I will ensure that my child is at practices and games on time or I will contact the coach ahead of time;
- I will show respect for the feelings and abilities of my child, my child's team mates and the players on the other team by accepting their capabilities. I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other players for making a mistake or losing a game;
- I will avoid unnecessary or exaggerated celebration of a goal scored or a game won that would embarrass or demean the opposing team;
- I will ensure that my child's equipment is complete, safe and in good condition;
- I will not approach the bench during a game situation unless summoned by a coach;
- I will avoid confusing my child by coaching from the stands or at home;
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict in a positive manner;
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game;
- I will attend all parent meetings scheduled by my child's team. In my absence, I will accept decisions made by the majority of team parents and I will assist with team responsibilities such as fundraising, working in the time box;
- I will recognize the value and importance of the volunteers who give their time and resources to provide the game of Lacrosse to my child;
- If I wish to express a concern or lodge a complaint, I will do so using the appropriate channels and in a positive and constructive manner. I will not contact any League official or another association directly. Failure to follow the proper lines of communication may result in disciplinary



action; I will wait the 24 hour cool off period before submitting my concerns/ complaints in writing to the appropriate person.

- I will refrain from using social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) to air grievances or slander our association or another association, any member, opponent, parent, official, coach, manager or player;
- I will not attend any CLA, ALA or IMLA sanctioned event while under the influence of illegal drugs or alcohol;
- I understand that a concussion is a serious brain injury that has both short- and long-term effects;
- I understand that any impact to the head, face, neck or body which causes a sudden jarring of the head may result in a concussion.
- I understand that if I suspect my child has a concussion, they will stop playing the sport immediately;
- I will not hide my child's symptoms. I will tell the coach, trainer, or other responsible person if my child has a concussion and/or experiences any signs and symptoms of concussion following a collision;
- I understand my child will have to be cleared by a physician or qualified medical professional, preferably one with experience in concussion management, prior to returning to play.
- I acknowledge that I will be seen as an ambassador of our team, our association, our town as well as the sport itself and will carry myself accordingly.

** IMLA reserves the right to discipline any team, player, parent, or coach (up to and including expulsion) for failing to abide by this Code of Conduct or for failing to comply with disciplinary action.

Print Name:	Print Name:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date: