



2026 NDLA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The NDLA acknowledges the need to support our athletes, coaches, volunteers, and officials. We want to set the expectations regarding parent conduct and have developed this code of conduct to make this clear for all involved to ensure a successful season. Every parent/guardian will be asked to review this document, and then sign and return to your team manager. At any point in the season if the Code of Conduct is not followed you may be asked to leave an event. This could result in a warning or suspension of the parent/guardian.

Parent/Guardian: I hereby state that:

- I agree that I will not discuss any concerns from a game, practice or team event for a period of 24 hours (cooling off period), before discussing the matter with a team official. I will first discuss the issue with my child to determine if the issue needs to be addressed. If it needs to be addressed, I will approach the Team Manager or Coach with respect to the process that is in place for the resolution of team issues.
- I will not approach the bench during or at the conclusion of a game or practice session. If my child is injured, I will wait for instructions from the Coach, Assistant Coach or Manager.
- I will not approach officials at any time under any circumstance during or after a game. If there is an issue, I will abide by the 24-hour cooling off period above and communicate with team personnel.
- I will not publicly criticize players, coaches, officials, volunteers, or other parents. I will not be under the influence of alcohol, or any illegal drug while at games or practices and I will not use profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive/derogatory language.

In addition, as Nanaimo Timbermen, parents are also members of the British Columbia Lacrosse Association and subject to the Following Fair Play Codes

BCLA FAIR PLAY CODES FOR PARENTS

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that my child plays sport for his/her enjoyment, not for mine.
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
4. 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/event.
5. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good players/performance by both my child's team and their opponents.
8. I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public.
9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
10. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) SIGNATURE
