

Posse Lacrosse Association Coaches Pledge

It is the intention of this pledge to promote positive behavior and respect for all participants in the game of lacrosse. Coaches must sign this pledge before season start and reference during the season by demonstrating the principles of fair play.

Code of Conduct for Coaches:

1. I will coach because I enjoy bringing the sport of lacrosse to athletes and their families in my community.
2. I will have the appropriate certification(s) for the athletes I am coaching. I am committed to continued learning and development of my coaching skills in the same way that I expect my team to work and develop their lacrosse skills.
3. I will ensure I am aware of the policies, regulations, bylaws and expectations of my association including those of our governing bodies the Greater Edmonton Lacrosse Council and the Alberta Lacrosse Association.
4. I will make sure that the equipment and facilities are safe at all times and match the athlete's ages and practices.
5. I will adhere to association guidelines when scheduling tournaments, exhibition games, and/or extra practices.
6. I will ensure the athletes receive equal instruction, discipline, support and appropriate fair playing time.
7. I will teach athletes to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, opponents, and teammates.
8. I will not ridicule or excessively yell at my athletes for making mistakes or for performing poorly. I will remember that children play to learn and have fun, and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
9. I will remember that athletes need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example. I recognize that I am a mentor.
10. I will conduct myself as a mentor rather than an adversary when in a game situation with developing officials.
11. I will respect the knowledge and skills of the coaching staff and my conduct will be an example to the players on how to work as a team.

Coaches Name _____ Division(s) _____

Coaches Signature _____ Date _____