



Red Deer Lacrosse Association (RDLA)

Code of Conduct



Member Conduct

1. All RDLA members will perpetuate the guiding principals of the organization without prejudice
2. All members, board members, players, coaches, volunteers, contract holders, and parents are required to read and follow the codes below.
 - always be courteous and objective when dealing with others
 - refrain from unfavorable criticism of others
 - show respect for cultural, social and political values of all participants in the sport of lacrosse
 - encourage and practice the concepts of fair play in a drug free sport
 - if conflict arises, address the issue using the appropriate avenues provided by the Board of Directors
 - Show respect for game officials, minor officials, coaches, spectators, and players at all times
 - Strive to achieve the RDLA vision -

' A safe, fair and respectful lacrosse environment that encourages and supports active participation, positive efforts, and optimal performance at all levels within the sport of lacrosse'

Coach Conduct

Coaches are ultimately responsible for their team, including parents and fans, players and other bench personnel. The RDLA expects coaches to follow the Coaches Code of Conduct*, and the FairPlay Code for Coaches*. Some of these include but are not limited to-

Coaches will:

- Be a role model for all aspects of the coaches code of conduct, the fair play codes, and the harassment policy
- be a model of the ethics and behavior expected of the players
- Follow, teach and enforce the rules of the game at all times
- Ensure the safety of all athletes with whom they work. This includes monitoring behavior at all times, controlling the style of play and providing a safe environment.
- ensure respect between all participants. The dignity of the individual must be preserved: verbal and physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable toward players, officials, and other bench personnel.
- never condone the use of performance enhancing drugs in any form
- ensure that all athletes get equal instruction, support and play time
- not ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or poor performance.

Parents Conduct

The sport of Lacrosse is a game of respect and teamwork. The RDLA expects every parent to follow the Parent Code of Conduct* and FairPlay Code for Parents*. Some of these include but are not limited to-

Parents will:

- be a supportive and fair spectator.
- applaud good plays by members of both teams
- remember that their child plays sport for his/her enjoyment, not for theirs
- encourage players to lay by the rules and resolve conflict without hostility or violence
- review the principals of the FairPlay Code for Athletes with their child

Players Conduct

Players are expected to review and follow the FairPlay Code for Athletes*. Some of these include but are not limited to: Players will-

- play by the rules, and in the spirit of the game.
- control their temper, fighting and mouthing off as it may spoil the activity for everyone
- respect their teammates and opponents
- remember that coaches and officials are their to help them and they will accept their decisions and show them respect

Board of Directors Conduct

1. In addition to the above code of conduct, Red Deer Lacrosse Association board of directors and any one who attends these meetings will also adhere to the codes below.
 - discussion pertaining to RDLA Board business is expected to be frank, discrete and professional. All correspondence pertaining to discussion is in turn to be cordial and appropriate.
 - board meetings are to remain on task and members are to ensure that everyone has a chance to be heard, without interruption, or judgement
 - Any dialogue pertaining to RDLA Board Business outside of the RDLA Board meeting environment is expected to be respectful and objective; we are all representative of RDLA, we make decisions as a whole, and to that end are expected to be exemplars of those decisions, as well as positive and purposeful conduct.
 - RDLA Board members are expected to act in all manners to promote the game of lacrosse at all times

All Red Deer Lacrosse Association members are expected to adhere to the Central Alberta Lacrosse League, Alberta Lacrosse Association, and Canadian Lacrosse Association Codes of Conduct as well.

All RDLA members, board members, players, coaches, volunteers, contract holders, and parents are required to sign this Code of Conduct. In signing there will be the understating that all parties have read and will adhere to the codes above.

Group info: _____ **Season:** _____

Name	Signature

* These documents are available in the CIA Coaching manuals and on the Red Deer Lacrosse web site at www.reddeerlacrosse.com