

Saanich Minor Lacrosse Association Player Code of Conduct **– Updated May 2025**

Introduction

The Saanich Minor Lacrosse Association has three objectives related to players:

1. To promote, teach and perpetuate the game of lacrosse.
2. To teach sportsmanship and emphasize fair play at all times.
3. To develop community spirit.

The Association believes each player's minor lacrosse experience should promote good health and positive attitudes towards themselves, teammates, opponents, team staff, officials and spectators. Increasing athleticism and lacrosse proficiency is a key objective. However, it is also important to consider the role minor sports play in creating well-rounded, confident and productive people.

The purpose of the Player Code of Conduct (Code) is to set behavioural expectations for individual players and their interactions with other players, team staff, officials and parents. Breaching the Code may be grounds for supplemental discipline levied by team staff or the Association.

Player Expectations

Maintain high standards of personal conduct at all times when participating in Association activities (i.e., practices, games, public events, etc.) recognizing each player is an "community ambassador" for the Association

Arrive on time for practices, games and other team functions with all necessary equipment.

Put forward their best effort at all times in practices and games and advise team staff in advance when this may not be possible due to other circumstances (e.g., illness, injury, etc.)

Treat teammates fairly within the context of the Association activity regardless of gender, place of origin, race, ethnicity, religion, political beliefs or socioeconomic circumstances, etc..

Do not criticize teammates, opponents, coaches, officials or spectators.

Do not harass teammates, opponents, coaches, officials or spectators.

Do not use profane, insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive language at practices, games or other Association events.

Play within the rules of box lacrosse and demonstrate sportsmanship.

Use social media responsibly and refrain from posting content detrimental to other players, team staff, officials, parents or the Association.

Do not cause property damage to Association or opponents' facilities.

Adhere to the guidelines set by the Canadian Centre for Drug Free Sport related to banned substances

Penalties for Non-Compliance

Players that do not comply with the Code will be subject to team and/or Association supplemental discipline. This will typically be managed through conversations between team staff, the player and his/her family, if necessary

The Head Coach may suspend a player for one (1) game in circumstances where verbal reminders are insufficient to address behaviour. The Head Coach may suspend a player up to an additional two (2) games for repeated breaches of the Code. Further discipline will be referred to Association officials if necessary.