

Saanich Minor Lacrosse Association Updated Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct – Updated May 2025

Introduction

The Saanich 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 Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct (Code) is to set behavioural expectations for parent interactions with players, team staff, officials, team parents, opposing teams, opposing team's parents and Association officials. Parents/guardians that bring guests to Association activities are expected to ensure those guests also adhere to these expectations.

Breaching the Code may be grounds for supplemental discipline administered by the Association.

Parent/Guardian Expectations

1. Maintain high standards of personal conduct at all times when participating in Association activities (i.e., practices, games, public events, etc.) recognizing each parent represents the Association.
2. Do not criticize players, team staff, officials, team parents, opposing teams, opposing team's parents during Association activities.
3. Do not harass players, team staff, officials, team parents, opposing teams, opposing team's parents during Association activities.
4. Treat players, team staff, and team parents fairly within the context of the Association activity regardless of gender, place of origin, race, ethnicity, religion, political beliefs or socioeconomic circumstances, etc..
5. Do not use profane, insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive language at Association activities.

6. Use social media responsibly and refrain from posting content detrimental to other players, team staff, officials, parents or the Association.
7. Respect Association governance structure and work within it to address and resolve issues through appropriate channels (i.e., team staff, Divisional VP, President).
8. Communicate with players, team staff, team parents and Association officials in a respectful, non-confrontational manner when seeking information or addressing issues.
9. Do not cause property damage to Association or opponents' facilities.

Penalties for Non-Compliance

Parents/guardians that do not comply with the Code will be subject to team and/or Association supplemental discipline. The first step will typically be conversations between team staff and the parent(s)/guardian(s) to address behaviour. The Head Coach, team staff and/or parents may refer alleged Code breaches to the DVP for disciplinary review in accordance with the Discipline Policy and Process.