



## **SAANICH LACROSSE ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ATHLETES AND PARENTS**

The overall experience for athletes participating in sports should promote the development of healthy and positive values towards themselves, spectators, opponents, officials and coaches. The following Code of Conduct has been developed to aid athletes in achieving a level of behaviour which assists them in becoming well-rounded, self-confident and productive human beings.

Athletes and Parents have a responsibility to:

1. Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
2. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of their sport and of playing.
  - a. Refrain from public criticism of fellow athletes, spectators, coaches and officials.
  - b. Abstain from the use of tobacco products and discourage their use by fellow athletes and coaches.
  - c. Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages both before and while participating in the athletic event
  - d. Abstain from possession or use of any substance prohibited by Federal or Provincial Law
  - e. Adhere to the guidelines provided by the Canadian Center for Drug-Free Sport and abstain from the use of all banned substances and methods.
  - f. Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive language
  - g. Refrain from vandalism and personal misconduct; abstain from any malicious damage to property or persons.
  - h. Abstain from personal misconduct causing harassment to participants, officials, coaches or spectators.
3. Treat opponents and officials with due respect, both in victory and defeat.
4. Uphold the rules of Box Lacrosse and the spirit of those rules.

Athletes and Parents must:

1. Respect the dignity of coaches, officials, and fellow athletes; verbal or physical behaviours that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable.
2. Never advocate or condone the use of drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances or methods.
3. Abide by all team rules of mandatory attendance at team meetings and curfew.

Consequences for breaking any team rules or the Code of Conduct can include the athlete being immediately sent home at the parent's expense. There will be a zero tolerance level for breaking these rules. Violations of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with in the following manner:

1. The team coach, with the approval of the Head Coach of Saanich Lacrosse, has the authority to suspend any player and/or parent for one game for any violations of this Code by the player or parent(s).
2. The team coach has the authority to suspend any player for more than one game with the approval of a committee of a minimum of three members of the Saanich Lacrosse Association Executive (including the Head Coach) as struck by the President.
3. The Saanich Lacrosse Association Executive can, at any time, and in the best interests of Saanich Lacrosse, invoke player or parent suspensions, regardless of any other sanctioned suspensions by the team coach, the Vancouver Island Minor Lacrosse Association or the BC Lacrosse Association.

NOTE: Any appeals of suspensions levied by the Saanich Lacrosse Association will be by written notice to the President of the Saanich Lacrosse Association who will, within three days of receipt of such written notice, schedule a hearing with those parties affected and with a minimum of three members of the Saanich Lacrosse Association Executive (Appeal Committee) who are not involved in the issuing of the original suspension. Decisions by the Appeal Committee will be final.

This Code of Conduct must be signed and returned to the Team Manager prior to the start of the regular season. A player will not be allowed to play until this document is signed and returned.

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**Athlete's signature**

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**Date**

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**Print name**

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

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**Date**

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**Print name**