

RANCHO COTATI LACROSSE CLUB

SIDELINE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Rancho Cotati Lacrosse Club (RCLC) in cooperation with our governing bodies the N.C.J.L.A. and U.S. Lacrosse are unified in curtailing the disturbing trend towards inappropriate behavior at youth sporting events. Behavior of this nature only serves to detract significantly from sport programs that exist to provide the opportunity for our youth to play, develop skills, and enjoy the thrill of competition in a positive, non-threatening environment.

Code of Conduct:

Coaches, parents, and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other coaches, spectators, and officials. In becoming a member of the lacrosse community an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse and its participants. The essential elements in this "Code of Conduct" are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their teams, and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to the game and our communities.

Elements of the Code of Conduct:

- 1) Safety and welfare of players is our first responsibility;
- 2) Sportsmanship;
- 3) Derogatory or offensive comments are unacceptable;
- 4) Adults will not openly criticize, badger, harass, or threaten a game official;
- 5) If an official makes a "bad" call against your team, "Honor the Game" – Be Silent;
- 6) Please inform the coach or board member of offensive or inappropriate behavior by any spectator immediately;
- 7) Support and root for all team members;
- 8) Keep the game in proper perspective – "IT'S ONLY A GAME"; and,
- 9) Let the coaches do the coaching.

Unsportsmanlike Conduct (Defined)

Any coach or spectator who at any time while on the field or grounds of a sanctioned NCJLA event conducts themselves in an abusive, offensive, or illegal manner during game situations or outside of game situations. This includes but is not exclusive to:

- 1) Using threatening, profane, or obscene language at any time during a game;
- 2) Fighting;
- 3) Property damage; or,
- 4) Entering into an argument with a game official over a call or field decision.

Enforcement:

Unsportsmanlike conduct by spectators who are identified by either a coach, board member, or game official will result in a stoppage of play and a request to the offending spectator(s) to cease the disruptive activity immediately. If such behavior continues, a one minute penalty on the in-home will be assessed against the offending team and the offending spectator(s) will be asked to leave the game area for the remainder of the game. Failure of the individual(s) to comply will result in immediate forfeiture of the game and possible playoff sanctions on the team.

I/We have read and agree to adhere to the Conduct Code as stated above.

Player Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name/Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name/Signature

Date