

Western Maryland Youth Lacrosse Conference
WMYLC
Code of Ethics Declaration
Form

_____ Year

I _____ as a player, coach, parent, volunteer, officer, and/or official do hereby affirm and declare that I will uphold the principles of good sportsmanship and fair play endorsed by U.S. Lacrosse (addressed in the *U.S. Lacrosse Parents Guide to the Sport of Lacrosse*, *National Federation Rule Books*, and *NCAA Rule Books*).

By doing so, I will exhibit a civil and respectful behavior toward all game officials, opposing teams, their coaches, their fans, conference organizers/ administrators, and any other individuals I might encounter during the course of any practices, games and activities.

I will encourage all young people of any age, gender, ethnic background, or religion to learn all they can about the sport of Lacrosse, it's historical origins, and the differences (and the similarities) between the boys and girls versions of the sport. Further, I will strive to assure that there is an opportunity for any young person that wishes, to learn and play the sport of Lacrosse.

I will provide a positive influence by encouraging young people to be responsible, reliable, dependable, and trustworthy team members, giving positive reinforcement at every opportunity, while refraining from critical remarks about their play, their coach, and/or game officials.

If coaching, I will emphasize the learning and enhancing of the skills necessary to play and enjoy the sport, allowing the players to make mistakes and allowing all players to ***participate, play, and have fun.*** Competitiveness will not be an overriding concern; teaching and enjoying the sport of Lacrosse will be the paramount goal. I will be available and open for questions and discussions with all players and their parents. I will treat all players, parents, opposing coaches, opposing teams, conference officers and game officials with the same level of respect and courtesy that I wish to be treated.

If a player, I will treat every other lacrosse player, coach, parent, fan, volunteer, and game official with the same level of respect that I wish to receive.

_____ (Print Name)

_____ (Signature)

_____ (Parent or Guardian if Participant is under 18 years of Age)

_____ (Status)

(List all that apply: Player, Coach, Official, Conference Volunteer, Conference Officer)

_____ Date