

CODES OF CONDUCT

Players

The management committee of Lacrosse Victoria actively supports the adoption and adherence to the following code of conduct for all competitions taking place within its jurisdiction.

Lacrosse Victoria seeks to provide all players, officials and spectators with a high quality, enjoyable and energetic competition.

It is expected that all involved will display, as their prime objective, good sportsmanship and fellowship in order to attain maximum enjoyment, recreation and social interaction for all concerned.

Lacrosse Victoria will actively encourage all participants to:

- Be an ambassador for lacrosse at all times.
- Show a spirit of co-operation in every aspect of the game.
- Refrain from the use of derogatory and abusive language particularly based on gender, race or ability.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everybody.
- Respect those in leadership positions.
- Be a good role model.
- Always endeavour to develop and improve the sport of lacrosse.

Lacrosse Victoria will actively encourage all players to:

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, ask your captain or coach to approach the official during a break or after the game.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players is not acceptable.
- Acknowledge the difficult task that referees have and **do not abuse them in any circumstances.**
- Work equally hard for yourself and the team.
- Be a good sportsman and acknowledge good play from your team and the opposing team.
- Actively discourage on or off field sledging. It is **not** consistent with good sportsmanship.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of others.
- Co-operate with your coach, teammates, officials and opponents. Without them there would not be a competition.
- Ignore any isolated incident of unsportsmanlike behaviour.

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Coaches

Lacrosse Victoria expects that all coaches in our sport will -

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all.
- Within the context of the activity treat everyone equally regardless of gender, disability, race or religion.
- Ensure the player's time spent with you is a positive experience.
- Give all players equal attention and opportunities.
- Treat each player as an individual
- Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each player.
- Help each player reach his or her full potential.
- Be professional and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with the sport – this includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators.
- Encourage your players to demonstrate the same qualities.
- Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your players.
- Maintain or improve current NCAS accreditation.
- Seek continual improvement through performance appraisal and ongoing coaching education.
- Provide a training program that is planned and sequential.
- Maintain appropriate records.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game.
- Any physical contact with players should be:
 - Appropriate to the situation.
 - Necessary for the player's skills to develop.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players. This includes verbal, physical and emotional abuse.
- Be alert to any forms of abuse directed towards your players from others whilst they are in your care.
- Refrain from any form of harassment towards your players. This includes sexual and racial vilification and harassment on the grounds of disability.
- You should refrain from forming a sexual relationship with any player in your care.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition.
- Ensure equipment and facilities meet safety standards.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players.
- Provide a modified training program where appropriate.
- Allow further participation in training and competitions only when appropriate.
- Encourage players to seek medical advice when required.
- Be a positive role model for the sport and the players whom they supervise.

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Parents and Spectators

Parents and Spectators of Lacrosse will be expected to:

- Encourage children to participate. However, do not force an unwilling child to play.
- Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. (This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to his or her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.)
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as a victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and official decisions.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making an error.
- Positive comments are motivational.
- Remember children are involved in sport for **THEIR** enjoyment, not yours.
- Remember children learn best by example.
- Applaud good play by all teams.
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree approach your coach during a break or after the game or raise the matter with your Club's Committee.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches and officials. They give their time and resources to enable our children to participate in sport and deserve your support.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, or harassing players, coaches or officials

Officials

Officials will be expected to:

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of others.
- Be fair, considerate and honest in all dealings with others.
- Be professional and accept responsibility for their actions.
- Make a commitment to providing quality service.
- Beware of, and maintain an uncompromising support for standards, rules, regulations and policies.
- Implement the rules of the sport.
- Place the safety and welfare of players/participants above all else.
- Be impartial
- Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest
- Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
- Refrain from any form of harassment or discrimination.
- Show concern and caution to others who may be sick or injured.