

ROGERS – OTSEGO YOUTH LACROSSE COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

I understand my responsibilities as a volunteer youth coach are of great importance and my actions have the potential to significantly influence the youth athletes with whom I coach and interact.

I will conduct myself in accordance with the Rogers – Otsego Youth Lacrosse Coaches Code of Conduct, all times; understanding there will be consequences if I fail to do so.

I recognize and agree that all young athletes have the following rights and will uphold these rights to the best of my ability:

- To play sports
- To safe and healthy environments
- To qualified program leaders
- To developmentally appropriate play
- To share in the planning and delivery of their activities
- To an equal opportunity for personal growth
- To be treated with dignity
- To enjoy themselves

I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, parent and official with respect and dignity regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

I will be prepared for all practices and games and teach the fundamental skills, so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skills through active participation.

I will become familiar with the rules, fundamental skills, and strategies of youth lacrosse.

I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the game in which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct a fair and impartial contest.

I will cooperate with the association and/or league in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report all suspected violations of any rules, regulations and/or policies.

I will report any suspected child abuse and/or neglect, because I am a mandated reporter.

I will protect the health and safety of players to the best of my ability.

I will adhere to all Rogers-Otsego Youth Lacrosse policies and procedures.

I will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a league event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, spectator, or any other attendee.

I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player participant, official, spectator, or any other attendee.

I will not encourage my players, coaches, volunteers, team parents, or any other person, to initiate a fight and/or argue with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any attendee.

I will not encourage any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official, spectator, or any other attendee.