

EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

Rippers Lacrosse, LLC

At **Rippers Lacrosse**, we strive to create a positive and supportive environment for all athletes, coaches, officials, and families. As a parent/guardian, you play a crucial role in fostering good sportsmanship and respect. By being a part of this team, you agree to uphold the following expectations:

1. Be a Positive Role Model

- Demonstrate respect, sportsmanship, and integrity at all times.
- Encourage and uplift all players—never belittle or criticize any athlete, coach, or official.
- Display composure in all situations, especially when faced with adversity.

2. Respect Coaches & Officials

- Trust the coaching staff's decisions regarding playing time, strategies, and development.
- Never engage in public criticism of the coach or coaching decisions—handle concerns privately and professionally.
- Accept referee and official calls without confrontation; set the example for handling adversity with grace.

3. Commitment to Team Culture

- Ensure your athlete attends all practices and games on time and prepared.
- Avoid disruptive sideline behavior, such as coaching from the stands or questioning decisions.
- Support team policies, expectations, and decisions—even when they don't favor your athlete.

4. Conflict Resolution

- Follow the **24-hour rule** before addressing concerns with a coach.
- Use appropriate channels to resolve conflicts respectfully and professionally (your athlete should always address concerns first with their respective coach).
- Never use social media to express frustration about coaches, officials, or team matters.

5. Zero Tolerance Policy

- No verbal or physical abuse, unsportsmanlike behavior, or confrontations.
- No engaging in gossip, drama, or negativity that harms team unity.
- Violations may result in removal from games, suspension, or dismissal from the program.