



Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaches, players, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators and fans.

In becoming a member of the Delano lacrosse community an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse, its participants, and the community.

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 team and Delano community, and Delano lacrosse organization.

Delano Lacrosse supports the following behaviors for those who participate in the sport or are involved in any way with USA Lacrosse. The following essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be followed:

- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.
- Focus practices on skill development and create a positive atmosphere where players are encouraged to practice and play at full speed without worrying about being reprimanded for mistakes.
- Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as adults.
- Coaches should always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, officials and spectators alike. Players should be specifically encouraged and positively reinforced by coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, officials and spectators.
- Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents and spectators.
- Grievances or misunderstandings between parents, players, coaches, officials, or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.
- Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.
- Coaches shall remain free of any mind-altering substances in any coaching capacity.