



## COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

As a coach in the Middleton Youth Lacrosse Club (MYLC), I pledge to uphold the values of USA Lacrosse's Code of Ethics, including respect, fairness, teamwork, communication, conflict of interest disclosure, and legality. I commit to fostering a positive, inclusive environment that prioritizes player growth, safety, and the integrity of lacrosse. I agree to the following to support all participants regardless of race, color, creed, socio-economic status, age, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or nationality.

I promise to:

- Promote player development by focusing on fun, skill-building, teamwork, and personal growth over winning.
- Treat all players, parents, officials, and opponents with respect, modeling positive behavior and sportsmanship.
- Communicate openly, honestly, and timely with players, families, and club officials, listening actively and providing constructive feedback.
- Ensure fairness by making decisions without favoritism, prejudice, or personal gain, and disclose any conflicts of interest to the club board.
- Prioritize safety by adhering to health guidelines (e.g., concussion protocols, hydration), enforcing rules, and reporting concerns promptly.
- Encourage inclusivity, cooperation, and ethical play, sacrificing personal goals for the team's benefit.
- Comply with all applicable laws, USA Lacrosse rules, and MYLC policies.

I promise not to:

- Engage in or tolerate harassment, bullying, discrimination, abuse (physical, verbal, or emotional), or unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Use profanity, threats, or aggressive behavior toward anyone involved in the program.
- Favor or penalize players based on personal relationships, ability, or other biases.
- Use or appear under the influence of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs at any MYLC event.
- Withhold important information or fail to report violations of codes, safety issues, or conflicts.
- Pressure players to participate against their will or ignore their well-being for competitive advantage.

I understand that violations may result in disciplinary actions by the MYLC Board of Directors, including warnings, suspension, or removal from coaching duties. If my actions cause injury or damage, I accept responsibility for costs. I will model this code for players and families and cooperate in any investigations.

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Signature of Coach

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(Date)

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Name of Parent/Guardian

MYLC requires a signed original of this Code of Conduct on file before coaching begins. All coaches must sign annually, acknowledging alignment with USA Lacrosse standards and potential revocation of privileges for breaches.

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