

Code of Conduct

INTRODUCTION

The Codes of Conduct define the players' and parents' responsibilities to Warrior Lacrosse (made up of three RRISD approved High Schools) and to each other. They also serve to ensure the safety and well being of the players, coaches, parents/guardians, fellow students, and officials. Each player and his parent/guardian are responsible for understanding and abiding by their respective code of conduct to participate in Warrior Lacrosse.

POLICIES

The following policies apply during the Warrior Lacrosse Club season. The season begins on the day of the first club meeting in August or September and extends until the last club activity in May. An "event" includes, but is not limited to, any club-initiated practice, game, or trip, as well as any activity where a player is representing the Warrior Lacrosse Club. This includes, but is not limited to the freshman orientation camps, fundraising events, banquet, Homecoming float, etc. The duration of an event is defined as beginning one hour before the event and ending one hour after the event.

POLICIES, PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS OF PERSONAL CONDUCT:

Players, coaches, and parents/guardians are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials and spectators. Parents and players are expected to adhere to the following principles and standards of conduct:

- Sportsmanship and the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be followed during practices and games and are more important than winning.
- Derogatory comments and cursing/swearing are unacceptable. Use positive reinforcement with teammates, players, coaches, referees, and parents alike.
- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Spectators must never maliciously criticize, badger, harass, or threaten an official, player, coach or fellow spectator.
- Knowledge of the Rules of Lacrosse must be respected and adhered to by all who participate in the game of lacrosse. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct is considered unacceptable conduct.

Player's Code of Conduct Contract

As a member of the Warrior Lacrosse team, I agree to adhere to the following *Player's Code of Conduct* during the entire lacrosse fall & spring seasons:

Personal Conduct Standards:

- I will exhibit good sportsmanship and fair play on and off the field during practices and games.
- I will not use foul language (cursing/swearing) when involved with a Warrior Lacrosse activity.
- I will not direct derogatory comments toward teammates, coaches, officials, opposing players or spectators.
- I will respect my coaches and will address any issues with them in private.
- I understand that the safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- I will not criticize, badger, harass, or threaten a game official.
- I will not attempt to manipulate the rules to take unfair advantage of an opponent, nor will I engage deliberately in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- I will not use or possess a controlled or illegal substance (including alcohol).

No Pass, No Play

Warrior Lacrosse adheres to the RRISD's High School No Pass, No Play policy. Although Warrior Lacrosse is not governed by University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules, the club follows the specifics of the UIL and RRISD

included High School policies regarding eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities. Accordingly, the school sponsor at the RRISD included High School notifies the club when players are ineligible to participate based on academic performance; at this point, standard UIL and RRISD included High School policies take effect regarding eligibility to participate in games. No additional action is necessary from and no additional action will be taken by the club, aside from adhering to the direction of RRISD included High School policies. While the RRISD included High School notifies the club of academic ineligibility, players and parents/guardians are also responsible for separately notifying the club's Head Coach if a player becomes ineligible to participate in games based on academic performance. For detailed information, please contact the Warrior Lacrosse Parliamentarian.

Prescribed Drugs

All long-term drugs taken by a player for ongoing health reasons must be specified on the "Pre-participation Physical Form" and do not require further written validation. Outside of prescribed drugs, it is illegal and against the RRISD included High School and club rules to use alcohol or controlled drugs of any kind.

High School Standing

In order to be involved with Warrior Lacrosse, a player must be a student in good standing at approved RRISD High Schools. As a result, violations of the High School Code of Conduct which result in a player's suspension or assignment to a DAEP/JJAEP terminates the player's involvement with Warrior Lacrosse for the duration of the suspension or the DAEP/JJAEP assignment. This termination extends to all Warrior Lacrosse events: practices, games, trips, and activities. A violation of the High School Code of Conduct which results in a player's expulsion terminates the player's involvement with Warrior Lacrosse for the remainder of the academic year and forfeiture of all dues paid to that point. The player will not be responsible for any pending dues.

Misconduct, Violations and Penalties

A player who plays for the Warrior Lacrosse Club must conduct himself on and off the field with the highest regard for himself and others. He must respect coaches, teammates, classmates, teachers, club members, officials, opponents, and must adhere to the RRISD included High School Code of Conduct. A Conduct Code violation may result in penalties as outlined below:

- If during any lacrosse event or trip during which he represents Warrior Lacrosse, a player is involved in the use of, possession of, or under the influence of, a controlled or illegal substance (including alcohol), the player may be suspended from participation in all team activities for the remainder of the season and will forfeit of all dues paid to that point. A second offense may result in permanent removal from the Warrior Lacrosse Club for the remainder of the player's high school career and forfeiture of all dues paid to that point.
- If while attending an RRISD school function or while on RRISD school premises (or within 300 feet) or on the property of another school at a District in Texas, a player is involved in the use of, possession of, or under the influence of, a controlled or illegal substance (including alcohol), the player may be suspended for a period of six (6) weeks of practice/competition. The suspension period will carry over from fall to spring season until the player has missed six weeks of competition and practice (off weeks do not count toward retirement of the suspension). A second offense may result in suspension from the team for one (1) calendar year and forfeiture of all dues paid to that point. A third offense may result in permanent removal from the Warrior Lacrosse Club for the remainder of his high school career and forfeiture of all dues paid to that point.
- If a player violates the Personal Conduct Standards during a trip, practice, or game, the Head Coach and President may suspend the player from the team for up to one week. The head coach shall advise the player's parents/guardian and the club president of the suspension.
- In-Game Conduct Violations: Any player given a penalty for in-game conduct results in a team enforced suspension at the discretion of the player's head coach. Any player ejected from a game will be immediately suspended from the following game.

Practice/Game Attendance Policies

Every player must be on time and attend all team events with full gear. If your player is experiencing any injuries, he is still expected to attend practice and support the team unless communicated to coach. Any absence from an official team practice will require a make-up activity defined by the coaching staff at the next practice. Each absence after the third instance, any absence not communicated, or the practice before a competition will receive a 1 quarter suspension from the next competition.

Adequate notice is required of all absences. Adequate notice is considered 24 hours in advance, communicated with coach via GroupMe or other club approved player communication application. Failure to provide adequate notice will result in a half-game suspension for each offense.

In the case a player or parent feels their (son's) particular absence should be excused, it can be discussed among the Head Coach, the player, and the parent present.

Playing Time

Playing time is based on the ability of the player to handle the responsibilities given to him by the coaching staff, including but not limited to academics, off-the-field actions, on-field behavior, and role within the team. If any player is unclear about his role or feels his role is inappropriate, the player and only the player are to discuss this with the coaching staff. This is non-negotiable and understanding this policy is a pre-requisite to join the team.

As a student and player, I agree to adhere to this code of conduct.

Player Signature

Date