

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches

- The **coach** shall be aware he has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill will, on the education of the student-athlete and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- The **coach** will place the emotional and physical well-being of his players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- The **coach** will instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand they make sportsmanship the number one priority.
- The **coach** shall respect and support contest officials. The coach shall not indulge in conduct, which would incite players or spectators against the officials. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.
- The **coach** will use appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators.

Players

- The **player** treats opponents with the respect that is due them as guests and as fellow athletes.
- The **player** accepts the responsibility and privilege of representing your school and community.
- The **player** will respect judgment of contest officials, abide by rules of the contest and display no behavior that would incite teammates or fans.
- The **player** will live up to the high standard of sportsmanship established by the coach.
- The **player** will accept both victory and defeat with pride and compassion by congratulating opponents in a sincere manner following either victory or defeat.

Spectators

- The **spectators** will adhere to all the above in *coaches/players* conduct.
- The **spectators** will know and demonstrate the fundamentals of sportsmanship.
- The **spectators** will censure fellow spectators whose behavior is unsportsmanlike.
- The **spectators** will never criticize the players or coaches for the loss of a game.
- The **spectators** will refuse to participate in or to encourage profane language and obnoxious behavior, which represent the opposite of good sportsmanship.

Honoring the Game

Respect for:

- Rules - letter and spirit of how the game should be played.
- Opposition - fierce and friendly - no demonizing.
- Officials - respect the official's decision even when you disagree.
- Teammates - commitment to teammates on and off the field.
- Tradition - love of the game that is bigger than individual participation.
- It is a privilege to participate in the game of lacrosse.