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Lacrosse WA - Code of Conduct

The following **Codes of Conduct** have been drawn up for the benefit of all players, officials, supporters and parents. All clubs recognised by Lacrosse WA must follow the rules and codes.

Players, officials, spectators and parents shall always uphold the prestige of lacrosse in Western Australia and must not bring the game into disrepute. These codes exist to maintain the high standard which is expected of our sport. We must always seek to promote a positive image of our sport.

***Code of Conduct for Players***

* Play within the spirit and to the rules of the game.
* Be a good sport.
* Accept the official’s decision without question. If you wish to question a decision follow the correct procedure.
* Control your temper. Verbal abuse of the officials or other players is not acceptable or allowed.
* Do not take illegal or banned drugs.
* Have respect for fellow team members and your opponents.
* Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will you.
* Co-operate with your coach, teammates and opponents. Without them there would be no competition.
* Always conduct yourself in an appropriate manner to bring credit to yourself and to the game.

**Code of Conduct for Officials**

* Officiate by the rules without favour.
* Be consistent and objective when making decisions.
* Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all opponents.
* Emphasise the spirit of the game rather than the errors.
* Be positive and supportive in your behaviour and comments.
* Wear correct uniform.
* Encourage and promote rule changes which will make participation more enjoyable.

**Code of Conduct for Supporters**

Encourage players to play according to the rules. Respect the officials decisions. Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials. Condemn the use of verbal and physical abuse and violence of any sort. Lead by example and show respect for teams opponents, applauding good play from both teams and recognising effort regardless of result.

In case of an injury, decline from entering the match to assist team members or officials. Assist ance may only be rendered if necessary once the player/official concerned has left the field. Only team officials may assist while on the field, except in a medical emergency.

**Code of Conduct for Parents**

Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment – not yours. Encourage children to participate. Do not force them. Focus on the child’s efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Encourage children to always participate according to the rules. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all teams.

Support all efforts to remove verbal and physi cal abuse from sporting activities. Respect officials decisions and teach children to do likewise. Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them your child could not participate.