

## PARENT / GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

Youth and High School sports are supposed to be fun – for the children. Actions by parents, fans, and coaches, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Too many of today's youth are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults. The Snohomish Lacrosse Club strongly believes the essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Good Citizenship. As a parent or guardian of a player in the Snohomish Lacrosse Club, your actions reflect not only on you, but your child, the team, and the club.

As a parent in the SBLC, you agree to abide by and follow the rules and guidelines below:

- I will never be under the influence of or in possession of drugs, or weapons of any kind and refrain from the excessive use of alcohol, tobacco products at practices, games, trips, or other events.
- I understand that the use of foul language towards anyone (coaches, teammates, officials, opponents, or spectators) will not be tolerated. I will not engage in any language or actions with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate, or humiliate any player, coach, official, spectator, or any others associated with SBLC. I will not tolerate these acts from any players, coaches or adults associated with Snohomish Lacrosse. These acts shall be considered harassment and will result in the immediate removal from the practice, game, or event.
- I will not post on any social media site with the intent to initiate, hurt, intimidate, or humiliate any player, coach, official, spectator, or any others associated with SBLC. The posting of negative, demeaning, or derogatory comments will not be tolerated. These acts shall be considered harassment and may result in the immediate removal from the club. Furthermore, if I see anything of concern from or about an official, another Snohomish coach, player, or club member on a social media site, I will immediately contact my child's coach or the Snohomish Lacrosse Club Board. As a parent, I understand that I am accountable for the actions of my child on social media sites. I will stress to my child the importance of proper conduct on these sites and provide parental oversight to prevent any type of cyber-bullying by my child.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting or using profane language or gestures. I will maintain self-control at games, practices, and other club events.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrate positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or event.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. I will demand that my child treat all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
- I will praise my child for playing hard, competing fairly.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will not complain or become confrontational about penalties or calls made by the officials, and I will respect the referees and their decisions at all times.

- I will support the coaches and allow them to do their job by not coaching my child or other players during games and practices. I will not openly question or confront coaches before, during or after games or practices. I will take the time to speak with coaches about any concerns calmly, privately and at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child or their team to win.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability, illness or injury that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may subject the Parent/Guardian to disciplinary actions that could include one or more, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by Head Coach and/or Snohomish Lacrosse Board
- Written Warning
- Parental Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by Snohomish Lacrosse Board.
- Parental Season suspension
- Parental Suspension from all future Snohomish Lacrosse Games (Home or Away), Practices and Events

All Parents/Guardians are required to abide by and are subject to this Code of Conduct.