

# St. Mary's Youth Lacrosse Club Warriors

## Code of Conduct

As members of the St. Mary's Youth Lacrosse Club (SMYLC), we are committed to upholding the values of sportsmanship, respect, and integrity both on and off the field. The following code of conduct outlines the expectations for coaches, parents, and players associated with our club:

### **Coaches:**

1. Lead by example: Coaches shall demonstrate good sportsmanship, respect for officials, opposing teams, and players at all times.
2. Foster a positive environment: Coaches shall create a supportive and inclusive atmosphere where all players feel valued and encouraged to improve.
3. Teach fundamental skills: Coaches shall prioritize the development of players' lacrosse skills, while also emphasizing teamwork, discipline, and fair play.
4. Communicate effectively: Coaches shall maintain open and transparent communication with players, parents, and club officials regarding schedules, expectations, and any issues that may arise.
5. Uphold the rules: Coaches shall ensure that all activities, practices, and games adhere to the rules and regulations set forth by the league and governing bodies.

### **Parents:**

1. Support your child: Parents shall encourage their child to participate in a positive and respectful manner, regardless of the outcome of the game.
2. Respect coaches and officials: Parents shall refrain from engaging in negative behavior towards coaches, officials, or opposing teams, and shall address concerns through proper channels.
3. Promote good sportsmanship: Parents shall emphasize the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play to their child, both on and off the field.
4. Show appreciation: Parents shall show appreciation for the efforts of coaches, volunteers, and officials who contribute to the success of the youth lacrosse program.
5. Encourage balance: Parents shall encourage their child to maintain a healthy balance between lacrosse and other aspects of life, including academics, family, and social activities.

### **Players:**

1. Respect opponents: Players shall treat opponents with respect and dignity, regardless of the outcome of the game.
2. Respect officials: Players shall accept and abide by the decisions of officials, refraining from arguing or disputing calls.
3. Play fair: Players shall compete with integrity, adhering to the rules of the game and displaying good sportsmanship at all times.
4. Support teammates: Players shall encourage and support their teammates, fostering a sense of camaraderie and unity within the team.
5. Be gracious in victory and defeat: Players shall demonstrate humility in victory and grace in defeat, recognizing that both are opportunities for growth and learning.

By adhering to this code of conduct, we strive to uphold the principles of sportsmanship, respect, and integrity that define the St. Mary's Youth Lacrosse Club. Together, we can create a positive and enriching experience for all members of our lacrosse community.

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Player: \_\_\_\_\_