

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent, you play a special role in the development of your daughter or son, and of his/her teammates. Your encouragement and good example will do more to ensure good sportsmanship and self-discipline than any other influence. The other team is the opponent, not the enemy, and should be treated with respect. While winning is important, playing well and fairly is the essence of the game.

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD

Support your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in his/her team. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory.

BE SUPPORTIVE AND YOUR CHILD'S BIGGEST CHEERLEADER

Children learn more by example than by criticism. Work to be a positive role model, and reinforce positive behavior in others. Applaud good plays by others on your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team. Do not criticize any child's performance from the sidelines. Accept the results of each game. Teach your child to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into victory by learning and working toward improvement.

DON'T BE A SIDELINE COACH OR REF

Refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. Parents who shout or scream from the sidelines often give inappropriate advice at the wrong time. The coach should be the only sideline voice. Remain well back from the sidelines and within the spectator area. You and your child will both enjoy the game more if you put some emotional distance between yourself and the field or play. Officials are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship - Do not openly question their judgment or honesty.

DEMONSTRATE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD YOUR OPPONENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND MEMBERS OF BLC.

Opponents are not enemies. Take care to show good hospitality at home and to represent BLC in a positive way when playing other clubs. Never allow yourself to be drawn into a verbal disagreement with opposing parents or coaches. No one has ever regretted letting "cooler heads prevail."

All parents will refrain from ANY social media or internet usage that would embarrass, humiliate or in any way negatively impact a player, coach, opponent, official, member of the BLC program or BLC Executive Board and Board of Directors.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR CHILD WANTS TO HAVE FUN

Your child is the one playing lacrosse, not you. Children must establish their own goals - to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose unreasonable demands on your child. Let your children experience the fun of playing as well as the challenge of excelling.

EXPECTATIONS OF BLC PARENTS:

They will set a good example for their child in his/her lacrosse development by adhering at all times to the following. I/We will:

- Not criticize the referee openly or directly, during or after games. Any criticism shall be done in writing, sent to my coach and/or my club representative, not verbally.
- Give only positive feedback to players.
- Cheer at all games within the spirit of fair play and shall do our best to cheer the effort regardless of the outcome. We will be mindful in “lopsided” game where cheering our own “winning” team might be misunderstood.
- Do our best to teach our players to become students of the game.
- Show the quality of our sportsmanship during and after each game and help our child remember to thank the referee, opposing team and coaches after the match regardless of the score.
- Do our very best to have our child prepared for every game.
- Support the learning efforts of the players, the coaches, and the referees by demonstrating our patience.
- Understand that improper behavior at a game may result in a parent being asked to leave the field by the referee, the BLC, or a club official.
- Leave the coaching to the coach during the game. We shall not give our child instructions during the game.
- Understand that the leagues can, and will if necessary, suspend our individual privilege to watch our child play should we behave in a manner that is rude or otherwise offensive.
- Agree to do our best to have as much fun watching the game as the players should have playing the game.

24 HR RULE

The 24hr rule is a rule that is in place to ensure that emotions dont dictate the interactions between the coach and parents. The rule is simple. Parents must wait at least 24hrs after the competition to contact the coach in order to make arrangements to speak with the coach in person at an appropriate and agreed upon time.

Reasons for the rule:

- To allow the parents ample time to calm down after the issue has developed
- Allow the coach ample time to calm down after the competition
- Give parents and coaches time to think about the problem
- To prevent any unnecessary acts or scenes in front of players and other parents
- Calmer heads will prevail

- To stop potential inappropriate and embarrassing moments in front of the players or children
- The hope that time to think about the issues will help to solve the problem in a positive manner and lead the right resolution

VIOLATIONS OF THE PLAYER AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Violations of the Player and Parent Code of Conduct by players and/or parents may result in:

- A Parent being suspended and/or removed from a game/tournament by a BLC Executive Board for misconduct.
- A Player being suspended and/or removed from a game/tournament by a Coach or BLC Executive Board for misconduct.
- A Player being benched by the team's coach for parent misconduct before, during, or after a game.
- A Member or Family could be released from the Brookfield Lacrosse Club by the BLC Executive Board.

Brookfield Lacrosse Club Commitment Letter

The success of Brookfield Lacrosse rests with the Club's philosophy on commitment to the program. At the time of registration parents will be asked to review the policy and support the policy by acknowledging this document. This policy applies to lightning, junior and senior levels only.

I agree and acknowledge that participation by my son/daughter in the BLC Youth program will require commitment and dedication. Lacrosse is a team sport and the absence of a player affects the team; players are expected to be at all practices and games. Missed games or practices can result in less game time at the discretion of the head coach.