



I. ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

The Southside Storm Youth Lacrosse continues to strive for the highest standards of sportsmanship in lacrosse. Every participant, whether player, coach, parent, or spectator, has a responsibility to comply with this Zero Tolerance Policy and to behave in a respectable manner.

Zero Tolerance essentially means that everyone involved in lacrosse shall act in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner so that lacrosse will be a desirable and rewarding experience for our children. Disrespectful and/or unsportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated. Loss of self-control is NEVER acceptable.

Zero Tolerance Classifications (Including but not limited to the following examples)

- Inappropriate verbal or non-verbal abuse during IBLA or USA Lacrosse sanctioned events, and any Storm related function and/or team activity.
- Confrontation or reaction to specific events or triggers during IBLA or USA Lacrosse sanctioned events, and any Storm related function and/or team activity.
- Complete loss of self-control during IBLA or USA Lacrosse sanctioned events, and any Storm related function and/or team activity.
- Openly disputing or arguing with the decision of an official, coach, spectator or player whether on or off the field.
- Obscene or vulgar language or the use of a physical act that is vulgar or obscene, racial or swearing.
- Visual or verbal sign(s) of dissatisfaction with any official, coach or administrator's decision.
- Encouraging abusive or unsportsmanlike behavior in any player, coach, official, or spectator.
- Taunting or ridiculing of officials, coaches, players, or spectators.
- Throwing of any object directed at a spectator, at a person in the playing area (including bench area) on the field or as to create the potential of a safety hazard or issue.
- Intentional physical contact using the body or stick after the whistle is blown or the buzzer has sounded.
- Not stopping Zero Tolerance conduct once advised to do so.
- Not voluntarily leaving a facility once advised to do so by any official, administrator or security personnel.
- Off-field physical violence, fighting or abusive physical contact.
- Threats of any nature.
- Returning to facility after being ejected.
- Any actions that require the use of third parties to control the conduct or situation, such as league personnel, or security personnel.

II. VIOLATIONS

- **General**
 1. Penalties listed are the **minimum** and may be more severe, as in the case of aggravating

circumstances, multiple offenses or frequency and severity of prior season filed offenses.

First offense: Verbal or written warning laying out the consequences of further actions or violations.

Second Offense: 1-3 game suspension for player, parent, spectator or coach.

Third Offense: Suspension for the remainder of the season.

Appeals of any Southside Storm Youth Lacrosse decision may be made to the Board of Directors. The appeal must be submitted to the Board of the Southside Storm Youth Lacrosse Organization, in writing, within three (3) calendar days of the organization's decision.

III. INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- **A. General**
 1. All individuals must comply with the Zero Tolerance Policy.
 2. In addition, the following are some specific areas of responsibilities.

- **B. Coaches**
 1. On-field tolerance issues.
 2. Mutual respect of officials, coaches and opposition.
 3. Strict control of players both on and off field.

- **C. Player**
 1. Strict and complete self-control both on and off field at all club functions.
 2. Mutual respect of officials, coaches and opposition.

- **D. Parent**
 1. Mutual respect of officials, coaches, players, opposition, parents and spectators.
 2. Absolute self-control.
 3. Work with officials, coaches, and league and organization personnel to assure a positive experience for all.
 4. Remember that minor officials (e.g. timekeepers, penalty box monitors) are to be professional, impartial, respectful and sportsmanlike.

IV. ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO POLICY

Coach, Player and Club understand and agree that the best interests of the Coach, Player and Club are vitally dependent upon the elimination of any and all use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco by a Player. Players therefore warrant that at no time during the term of the season will he or she use alcohol, drugs and/or tobacco. Player further agree to abide by the Board of Director's policy regarding alcohol, drugs and tobacco, their sale, purchase, use, possession and physical detection, which may be promulgated and modified from time to time. Player agrees that the Southside Storm Youth Lacrosse Organization Board of Directors shall have the power and absolute discretion to suspend or terminate any Player for violation of this policy.

The Board of Director's findings and decisions shall be binding and conclusive on all parties. Player hereby

releases Southside Storm Youth Organization and waives every claim he/she may have against Storm Youth Lacrosse Club, coaches, officers and directors for damages and for all claims and demands arising out of, or in connection with, the decision of this matter by the Board of Directors.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY AND ALCOHOL, DRUG AND TOBACCO POLICY

By registration and participation with the Southside Storm Youth Lacrosse Organization, the Player, Parents or Legal Guardians of the Player, and/or Coach hereby acknowledge receipt of the Southside Storm Youth Lacrosse Organization Zero Tolerance Policy and Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Policy, and agree to be bound by the terms of the policy and the penalties imposed for violation of the policy. Violation of policy will not result in a credit or refund of season fees.

Dated: _____

Player (print name): _____

Player (sign name): _____

Parents or Legal Guardian #1 (print name):

Parents or Legal Guardian #1 (sign name):

Parents or Legal Guardian #2 (print name):

Parents or Legal Guardian #2 (sign name):

Coach (print name): _____

Coach (sign name): _____