



Northern California Junior Lacrosse Association & [Insert Club Name]

Coaches Code of Conduct

I understand my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and my actions have the potential to significantly influence the youth athletes I coach. Therefore, I promise to Honor the Game of lacrosse and to uphold the following Coaches Code of Conduct:

Honor the Game by Upholding the NCJLA Policies and Rules

- I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, parent and adult/junior official with respect and dignity regardless of race, creed, color, sex, ability or organization affiliation.
- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, adult/junior official or any other attendee and I will report any knowledge of those who do in a timely and confidential manner to the club president and the league designee.
- At all times I will adhere to NCJLA rules and policies including but not limited to:
 - Offensive Language Policy
 - Athlete Coach Interaction Policy
 - Play or Coach Out of Area Process
 - Athlete Safety Policy
- I will agree to keep NCJLA member contact information confidential and not use or share that information in a way that would violate the NCJLA Privacy Policy or Confidentiality Agreement.
- I will cooperate with the league in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and I will report all suspected violations of any rules, regulations and/or policies.

Honor the Game by Preparing to Coach

- I will make every effort to learn the rules of play for the level I am coaching.
- I will be prepared for all practices and games and teach the fundamental skills, so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skills through active participation.
- I will learn and teach players the traditions and customs of lacrosse.
- I will present my NCJLA Certified Coaches badge at the beginning of each game during the pre-game officials and coaches meeting.
- I will learn and follow the Return to Play Protocol for serious injuries and suspected concussions.
- I will complete all course work, maintain all requirements and submit proof of completion by the required due dates for coaching as determined by my club and the league in the NCJLA Operations Guide.

Honor the Game with my Personal Conduct

- I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the game in which I coach and I will assist them in every way to conduct a fair and impartial contest.

- I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a league event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a league event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- I will not encourage or engage myself, my players or any other person affiliated with my team in any of the following behaviors towards any coach, player, official, volunteer, or spectator:
 - to initiate a fight or threat of physical harm
 - to argue or debate
 - to verbally abuse another person
 - to make physical gestures or use body language that implies a threat to one's well being
 - to display any behavior which would endanger the health or safety of another
- I will model "Honoring the Game" by requesting to speak with officials according to the rule book when I need to speak with them before, during or after a game.

Honor the Game with My Commitment

- I will conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Conduct at all times; understanding there will be consequences if I fail to do so.
- I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that might include, but is not limited to, the following:
 1. Verbal warning from an official, head coach, my club and/or the league
 2. Written warning from my club and/or the league
 3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a game by an official, my club and/or the league
 4. Game forfeit through the official or coach
 5. Suspension from coaching in the NCJLA
 6. Return to coaching can and is subject to current NCJLA rules and club rules
- I understand the all documentation of all incidents shall be kept on file by the club involved and repeat offenses to the Code of Conduct, NCJLA Operations Guide, Policies or rules could cause me to be suspended from participating in the league.

Print Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Club Name _____