



Code of Conduct

Administrators

I will:

- Create pathways for club members to participate not just as players but also as coaches, referees, administrators, etc.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules are modified to suit the age, ability and maturity level of players.
- Ensure quality supervision and coaching for players.
- Remember that players participate for their enjoyment.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour and skill development and help to improve the standards of coaching and officiating.
- Ensure that everyone involved in sport emphasises fair play.
- Distribute a code of conduct to players, coaches, officials and parents and encourage them to follow it.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.
- Promote adherence to anti-doping policies.

I will not:

- Arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches.
- Allow the unlawful supply of alcohol at training, games or club functions.
- Use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or spectators.

Coaches

I will:

- Remember that players participate for enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
- Never ridicule or yell at players for making a mistake or not willing.
- Be reasonable in my demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
- Operate within the rules and spirit of the game and teach my players.
- Ensure that the time players spend with me is a positive experience and remember all players are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
- Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved with the sport including opponents, referees, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and spectators and I will encourage my players to do the same.
- Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players and follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition.
- Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the principles of growth and development of young players.

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Officials

I will:

- Play the safety and welfare of players above all else.
- Show concern and caution towards sick and injured players.
- Be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Accept responsibility for my actions and decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players.
- Avoid any situations which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest.
- Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive.
- Be a good sport as I understand that actions speak louder than words.
- Always respect, remain loyal to and support other officials.
- Keep up to date with the latest 'Laws of the Game' trends and principles.
- Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players or other officials.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

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Parents

I will:

- Encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions.
- Teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents.
- Remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good play/performance by both my child's team and their opponents.
- Give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- Support my child's efforts and performance.
- Thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child.
- Help when asked by a coach or official.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background.

I will not:

- Pressure my child in any way – I know that this is their game not mine.
- Arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches.
- Use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials and or other spectators.
- Criticise the decisions made by the officials on the field.
- Criticise or ridicule my child's performance after the game.

Players

I will:

- Always play by the rules.
- Never argue with an official and if I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition.
- Control my temper as I understand that verbal abuse of officials and other players or deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted behaviour in any sport.
- Work equally hard for myself and my team.
- Be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition.
- Treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated and not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor.
- Cooperate with my coach, teammates and opponents.
- Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- Participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game.
- Comply with anti-doping policies.

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Motion Passed: 17th August 2017

Review Date: 17th August 2018

I,(name) as a (role), have read the code of conduct and accept the conditions of being a part of the Waikato Lacrosse representative programme.

Signature: Date: