



# Surrey Lacrosse

## Code of Conduct for Parents

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The Surrey Lacrosse Association (SLA) Code of Conduct has been created to establish standards of behavior for all members, players, coaches, volunteers, referees, parents, and spectators. This Code of Conduct is to ensure that the SLA promotes a fun, positive, and respectful environment to play and grow the game of lacrosse.

All members are expected to become familiar with their roles, responsibilities and expectations as a member of the SLA. Every member's personal conduct reflects upon the image of the SLA and it is their responsibility to create a positive reputation and show pride for the SLA, the members they represent, and the game of Lacrosse.

As a member of the Surrey Lacrosse Association, I state the following:

1. I will practice and encourage good sportsmanship with all players, coaches, game officials, spectators and parents at every game, practice and event. I will not harass athletes, coaches, officials or spectators either verbally, physically or online.
2. I will accept the decisions of coaches, team staff, SLA executive and officials without incident and will abide by the rules. I will refrain from public criticism of fellow athletes, coaches, officials, parents or other members of the SLA or other minor lacrosse associations.
3. If I disagree with a coaching or team staff decision I will speak to the coach or team staff directly to express my views in a respectful manner (players may have their parents speak to the coaches on their behalf) no earlier than 24 hours after any event or decision has been made (24hr rule).
4. I will demonstrate courtesy and respect for all athletes, spectators, officials, coaches and playing facilities, regardless of association; I will not engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual or racial nature, trash-talking, taunting, bullying, boastful celebrations, any form of violence or other actions that demean individuals or the sport. I will not yell at, ridicule, or be negative towards any players, coaches, officials, or spectators.
5. I will report in writing to my coach and/or the Executive any incident which may cast negative light or hinder the ability of the team, coaches, game or athlete to enjoy and advance in a fair play environment.
6. I will abstain from using alcohol, drugs, or tobacco (and discourage their use by fellow athletes and members), before/after/during games practices, and team functions.
7. I will promote sport with my child in a positive manner.
8. I will encourage, and demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship.
9. I will not coach/comment from the sidelines during games, practices or training sessions and will not interfere in practices or games unless invited to by the coach.
10. I understand that all SLA coaches are volunteers and as such, will respect and show appreciation for their time and effort.
11. I will ensure that any guest I have at a game, practice or event, follows this Code of Conduct.
12. I understand that parents and non-coaching staff are not permitted on the playing surface during practices or games and will refrain from entering the playing surface or players' bench unless invited by a member of the coaching staff. Games are to be viewed from the sideline opposite the players' bench.

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I will accept responsibility for my actions and understand that I may be removed from a game, practice or facility if I should behave in a manner deemed unacceptable by the coaches and staff, game officials or SLA executive.

There will be a zero tolerance level regarding the breaking of this code. I further understand that my conduct may result in disciplinary action from the SLA Executive including temporary or permanent suspension of playing (or spectating) privileges.

The following ACTION POLICY pertains to all members of the Surrey Lacrosse Association, whereas an Occurrence means any action by a member that breaks this Code of Conduct:

- 1st Occurrence: verbal or written warning and reminder of behavior expectations
- 2nd Occurrence: verbal and/or written warning by a member of the Executive. You will receive a written letter certifying that you have been warned of this behavior and a copy will be kept by the Executive. This warning will be accompanied by a 7 day suspension.
- 3rd Occurrence: mandatory suspension from all games, practices and other events for a period of 14 days. You will receive written notification of your suspension and a copy will be kept on file. An Executive member will notify you of the start and end dates for the period of suspension.
- 4th Occurrence: indefinite suspension from all games, practices and other events. The Executive will review events and consider reinstatement at the end of the season.

I acknowledge that my failure to abide by any suspension handed out by the Executive pertaining to this Code of Conduct may affect my child's participation.

Notwithstanding the above schedule the Executive has the right, at their discretion, to escalate the disciplinary action if needed based on severity, precedence, and history.

Player: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_