



England Lacrosse

RESPECT Code



A Code for Coaches, Team Managers, and Club Officials

England Lacrosse Code of Conduct

England Lacrosse is committed to creating a culture for our sport that provides opportunities for all to participate in keeping with the spirit of our game. We all have a role to play in developing this culture. We are asking you to play your part to adhere to and promote England Lacrosse's code of conduct.

We are asking all coaches, managers, and club officials to adhere to and promote England Lacrosse's Code of Conduct. Coaches, team managers and club officials should be aware of their influence on players of all ages and conduct themselves in a positive manner at all times to promote the positive values of our game of lacrosse.

On and off the field, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the rules and spirit of our game
- Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
- Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game
- Adhere to the England Lacrosse Clean Sport Policy
- Be aware of and understand the guidance materials provided around anti-doping and will follow them in my lacrosse training and activity

When working with players, I will:

- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Co-operate fully with others in lacrosse (eg officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each players' best interests
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Promote and encourage all players to understand and follow the England Lacrosse Clean Sport Policy

I understand if I do not adhere to the code of conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by my school, club, league, regional association, the National Lacrosse Committee or the England Lacrosse Board.

- Required to meet with the club, league or regional chair
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Monitored by another club coach
- Required to attend an appropriate education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the league or regional association
- Required to leave by your club or region.

A Code for Match Officials

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We are asking all match officials to adhere to and promote England Lacrosse's code of conduct. The conduct and behaviour of match officials has a direct and indirect impact on our game of lacrosse.

I will:

- Be timely and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the rules of our game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players, officials and spectators
- Work with and support all my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play. Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by players or coaches
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game
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I understand if I do not adhere to the code of conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by my school, club, league, regional association, the National Lacrosse Committee or the England Lacrosse Board.

- Required to meet with the school club, league or regional representative
- Monitored by another match official
- Required to attend an appropriate education course
- Have my certification revoked



A Code for Spectators and Parents/Carers

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We are asking all schools and clubs to support England Lacrosse's Code of Conduct to ensure lacrosse can be enjoyed in a safe and positive environment.

Remember that children's lacrosse is a time for developing a love of the game and a sense of fair play. It is also a time for players to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. We are asking you to play your part and commit to the code of conduct at all times.

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success for both teams
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and maintain a respectful distance from coaches and players, observing team box areas if available
- Demonstrate positivity towards all players and coaches; Let the coach to do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, umpire/referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game.

I understand if I do not adhere to the code of conduct, any or all of the following actions may be taken by my school, club, league, regional association, the National Lacrosse Committee or the England Lacrosse Board.

- Issued with a verbal warning or appropriate card by a match official
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the school, club or match official
- Required to meet with the school, club, league or regional representative or Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an appropriate education course
- Requested by the school or club not to attend future matches
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the school or club along with any dependants.



A Code for Young Players

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We all have a responsibility to conduct ourselves in a way that honours the 'spirit of the game' by respecting others and promoting high standards of behaviour on and off the field.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why England Lacrosse is asking every player to follow this code of conduct.

When playing lacrosse, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my teammates, the other team, the match officials and my coach
- Play by the rules as directed by the umpire/referee
- Shake hands with the other team and umpire/referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the school/club welfare officer if I am unhappy about anything at my school/club
- Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game.

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- Be required to apologise to my teammates, the other team, match official or coach
- Receive a formal warning from the coach, school or club committee
- Be dropped from the team
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

My club, school, or regional committee may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the code of conduct

- My club or school could be fined or suspended by the league, region or National Lacrosse Committee.





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On and off the field, I will:

- Adhere to the rules of our game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote fair play
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials and understand that without them, there would be no game
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Speak to my teammates, the opposition, the match officials, club officials and my coach with respect
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee/umpire at the end of every game
- Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game.
- Adhere to the England Lacrosse Clean Sport Policy
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- Receive a formal warning from the coach, school or club committee
- Be dropped from the team
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Required to attend an appropriate education course
- Be suspended from matches
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the club

In addition:

- My club or school could be fined or suspended by the league, region or National Lacrosse Committee.

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England Lacrosse is grateful to the Football Association for their support by allowing us to use parts of their Code.