

CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents and fans. By endeavoring to instill Honor and Integrity in our youth players, we bring credit to the sport and fulfill our obligations and responsibilities as a program. Likewise, as parents of our youth players, we require that you fulfill your parental obligations, support the following behaviors as participants in the sport and agree to abide by the Allatoona Lacrosse Code of Conduct.

Sportsmanship for Parents

As a parent, you play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of the players. Through your encouragement and good example, you can help assure that all the boys learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. With your help, players can learn to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat - all while becoming physically fit and healthy. Best of all, they will have fun.

Support Your Child

Supporting your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in their team is very important. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory - that way your child will always be a winner despite the outcome of the game. Always Be Positive Parents serve as role models for their children. Become aware of this and work to be a positive role model. Applaud good plays by your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities.

Remember That Your Child Wants to Have Fun

Remember that your child is the one playing lacrosse, not you. It's very important to let children establish their own goals - to play the game for themselves. Take care not to impose your own standards and goals on them. Don't put too heavy a burden on your child to win games. Surveys reveal that 72% of children would rather play for a losing team than ride the bench for a winning team. Children play for the fun of playing.

Reinforce Positive Behavior

Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If your child does make one, remember it's all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

Don't Be a Sideline Coach or Referee

Coaches and referees are sometimes parents, just like you. They volunteer their time to help make your child's youth lacrosse experience a positive one. They need your support too. That means refraining from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. As a volunteer organization, there's usually always an opportunity for you to take your interest in coaching or refereeing to the next level and become one yourself.

PLAYER COMMITMENT

Allatoona Youth Lacrosse makes every effort to manage team size in order to offer each player the most desirable playing experience. We do ask for each player to attend (2) practices per week and (1) game per week throughout the season. If there is an anticipated conflict in scheduling, please contact the appropriate board member to discuss prior to registering your child. Parent and player have read, understand and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct and Player Commitment as outlined above.