

Laxfest Code of Conduct

The Ted Hellier Community Lacrosse Fund expects everyone attending Laxfest to conduct themselves in a manner that “Honors the Game” and demonstrates respect to others. We strive to maintain a positive image for the lacrosse community and hope to make everyone's experience at Ted Hellier Laxfest positive and fun.

Code of Conduct:

- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- Emphasis on winning should never be placed above the value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game
- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. Coaches should always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, officials, and spectators alike. Players should be specifically encouraged and positively reinforced by coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, officials, and spectators.
- Players should always demonstrate positive behavior and respect toward teammates, opponents, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators.
- *Coaches, players, parents, and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect to players/teammates.*
- Coaches are also expected to educate their players as to the important role of lacrosse officials and reinforce the ideal of respect for the official to players/teammates.
- Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.
- Officials are professionals and are therefore expected to conduct themselves as such and in a manner that demonstrates total impartiality, courtesy and fairness to all parties.
- Spectators, players and coaches involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.
- Coaches must be able to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the rules of lacrosse, and should adhere to the rules in both the letter and the spirit of the game.
- Coaches should provide a basic knowledge of the rules to both players and spectators within his/her program. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, team transfers, etc, have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety. These rules of conduct are to be respected and followed. If any Coach, player or team is found to be disrespectful toward another team or officials, they will be asked to leave the area of play and will not be invited back.