

## **McKinney Lacrosse Club Coaches' Code of Conduct**

### **Objective**

All MLC coaches are in a position in which they are able to leave lasting impressions on their players, it is in the best interest of the MLC and all of our stakeholders that there be a uniform code of conduct that all of our coaches will be expected to uphold while they are in any MLC related event.

### **The Role of a Coach**

Coaches are entrusted with a great responsibility every time a contest begins. Our professional and moral responsibility is to provide MLC participants quality coaching and a sense of safety and fair play at every MLC contest.

Sensible, organized competition under proper control provides benefits for MLC participants. Anything other that only dramatizes coaches and distracts from the focus and purpose of high school athletics.

All MLC coaches must keep in mind at all times that they are representing themselves their teams and their Association/School. A coach's words and actions come under close scrutiny from students, parents, faculty and the community, and will reflect positively or negatively on the program.

### **Structure**

There are four documents that outline the expectations of lacrosse coaches. These include:

- 1) NCAA rulebook;
- 2) THSLL Bylaws;
- 3) North District Guidelines.
- 4) NTYLL Rules Youth & Bantam

### **NCAA Rulebook**

#### *Rule 2-4/Game Personnel/Coaches*

One of a team's coaches shall be designated the head coach. The head coach shall be responsible for making all decisions for that team not delegated specifically to the team's game captain. Additionally it shall be the head coach's responsibility to see that players and substitutes are equipped properly to play.

The head coach shall act in a courteous manner and also shall endeavor in every way to achieve the same from players and substitutes. The head coach also shall be in control of and responsible for all actions of all non-playing members of his squad, and any and all persons officially connected with his institution.

Coaches shall assist the officials in keeping the game under control at all times. It shall be their duty. Upon the request of an official, to control effectively actions of spectators no in conformity with standards of proper conduct.

Officials will address questions from coaches only after the four-minute warning during half time. A representative from each team may be present while these questions are discussed. Officials should never entertain any questions until a representative of the other team is given the opportunity to be present.

### **THSLL Bylaws:**

#### *Rule 1.7 Member Behavior*

Abusive, profane, or violent behavior or language by coaches, players, or fans at any League function, may result in member suspension or expulsion from the League. No alcoholic beverages or any intoxicating substances or intoxicated individuals are allowed at any League functions. Suspension or expulsion punishments shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

#### *Rule 1.8 Individual Behavior*

Abusive, profane, or violent behavior or language by coaches, players, or other individuals at any League game or activity, may result in that individual's suspension or expulsion from participation or attendance at any League game or activity. Suspension or expulsion shall be decided by the Executive Committee.

### **North District Guidelines**

Coaches are expected to win or lose with dignity and humility.

Coaches must refrain from the use of profanity and insist their players do likewise.

Coaches must be positive role models in terms of sportsmanship and fair play and set a flawless example regarding the use of drug, tobacco and alcohol.

Coaches must be fair and unprejudiced with players, considering their individual differences, needs, interests, temperaments and aptitudes.

Coaches are expected to maintain self-control at all times, accepting adverse decisions calmly and treat the officials professionally.

Coaches are responsible for the conduct and care of the team from the beginning to the end of the game or away trip. This includes the job of making sure that bench areas and dressing rooms are left in good condition.

### **Reportable & Punishable Events**

A coach's use of profanity, disrespectful behavior towards officials, or use of obscene gestures.

Any coach who is ejected from a contest.

A coach who receives two or more unsportsmanlike conduct penalties during one game.

Coaches are responsible not only for their own actions, but ultimately those of their players. Game officials are expected to inform coaches of their players' actions and the coach must take corrective action. If there are repeated incidences over the course of a game or a series of games, the coach is subject to punishment for not taking corrective action.

Other types of reportable incidents include, but are not limited to: verbal abuse or other unsportsmanlike behavior by coaches, team/school administrators or fans, fans who are removed from facilities for abuse of officials, fights between teams that result in the termination of the contest and physical contact of officials by coaches, team/school administrators or fans.

### **Other Responsibilities**

#### **NCAA Rulebook**

##### *Rule 2-5/Game Personnel/Home Coach's Responsibility*

It shall be the responsibility of the home coach to see that the playing field is in proper condition for play; that a time-keeper and scorer are on hand with all equipment required by these rules to carry out their respective functions; that balls and ball retrievers are provided; and that the assigning authority has received timely, accurate and adequate information so that officials will be on hand for the game.

When a contest is played at a neutral site, one team must be designated as the home team. This shall be done in writing, before the day of the game. The designated team and its coach assume all the responsibilities of the home team as outlined in the rules.

#### **North District Guidelines**

##### *Recruiting*

The North District recognizes it is an unethical practice for North District teams to actively recruit another player from a member team. Member teams should communicate with each other and the District Coordinator when contact is made by potential transfers.

**Coaches' Code of Conduct**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am a Head/Assistant (circle one) coach for the Varsity/Junior Varsity or Youth Program (circle one) of McKinney Lacrosse. I have read the Coaches' Code of Conduct as set forth by the MLC of the North District of the THSLL and agree to abide by it. I am accountable for my actions and understand the consequences if I should not meet the expectations of the Conduct Committee.

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Coach

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Date

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MLC President

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Date

Each coach should keep their copy of the Code of Conduct.