

APPENDIX 'A'

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct of the South Coast Lacrosse League is herewith specifically incorporated into these rules of conduct that apply to each association, coach, team parent, participant, or spectator. In addition to the precepts set forth in the Code of Conduct, the following may result in a fine for the member association or a suspension or expulsion of the coach, participant, spectator, team, or association involved.

The imposition of a fine against an association for coach or administrator conduct is not appealable. If the fine is not paid within fourteen (14) days of assessment an additional Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per week will be assessed up to a total time of thirty (30) days. If the fine is still unpaid at the conclusion of thirty (30) days, the association is suspended from further SCLL play until the fine is paid and late fees will continue to accrue.

The imposition of a suspension or expulsion from the SCLL is appealable as set forth in Section 9 of the Constitution.

Conduct may result in the imposition of a fine against the association and/or suspension or expulsion of the association, coach, participant, official, or spectator from any SCLL sanctioned activity.

Any spectator who is asked by a SCLL Officer or a SCLL Representative to leave the confines of the arena and refuses to do so will subject the person refusing to leave to suspension or expulsion from the SCLL and the association to a fine.

The use of any tobacco product within the confines of a playing field. A violation of this provision will result in a fine to the member association of \$100.00 per violation.

Profanity will not be tolerated. The definition of profanity will be deemed language unbecoming to the ears of youth players.

Two flags thrown on the bench during any one game for two or more acts of conduct of anyone on the bench will result in the removal of the head coach from that game and a \$150.00 fine.

Any coach who is personally charged with two or more flags during a season may be suspended from participation in the SCLL for the remainder of the season for all practices and all games, and/or the association will be subject to possible suspension or fine as determined by the SCLL voting membership.

Any participant who is ejected from a game **will be ineligible for the following game**. Any participant who is ejected from a game on two or more occasions during one season is subject to suspension or expulsion from the SCLL.

Being under the influence of alcohol or any controlled substance, consumption of, or the possession of any alcohol or any controlled substance is specifically prohibited. This prohibition relates to any practice, any game, or any SCLL sponsored activity. Any individual in violation of this rule shall at a minimum be barred from the practice, game, or activity for that day. The second violation within any one season shall result in suspension or expulsion from the SCLL.

A referee's flag thrown against the stands will be considered a flag against the bench. Such a flag will not be charged as a personal flag against any coach. Any conduct from a participant or coach that is deemed in contravention of the Code of Conduct of the South Coast Lacrosse League may, in addition to the penalties outlined herein, result in the SCLL imposing a penalty of forfeiture of one or more of all games previously played. If a coach senses his team's spectators in any way dishonoring the game, it is their responsibility to have the official stop the game and speak to his or her spectators. Such action will not constitute, but doing so to address his or her players shall be considered a time out against the violating coach. If no time outs are available and the coach uses this to address his team regarding game strategy, there will be a three minute non-releasable penalty.

All coaches are required to wear shirts, baseball-type caps, and/or jackets which clearly identify them as a member of the coaching staff. No one absent the coaches and trainers should be on the bench during a game.

All coaches, trainers, and those on the bench area during a game are expected to dress in an appropriate manner.

Any coach or participant who is ejected by a game official for violation of the aforementioned rules of the SCLL or the SCLL Code of Conduct must leave the confines of the arena. Failure to do so will subject the person so refusing to leave to suspension or expulsion from the SCLL and the association to a fine. When a coach, participant, or spectator is asked to leave the confines of the arena, the SCLL Representative from the association involved must notify the SCLL President.

Officials must file a report with the on duty SCLL Rep or Host Park Association Director for any coach, participant or parent who is flagged, ejected or who is a disciplinary problem.

A properly identified SCLL Executive Board member has the authority to administer a conduct flag on a coach or a spectator of a particular program.

Any parent, spectator, coach, or participant that approaches and/or follows a game official within the confines of the playing area and parking lot, may be subject to penalty, including suspension of the offender and/or the association, a fine to the member association, and/or expulsion of the offender and/or the member association.

Game officials have the authority to administer conduct flag before the game, at half time of a game and after a game. Flags issued after a game against a coach or team can and will be assessed in the next scheduled game.

Code of Ethics for Youth Lacrosse League

1. Sportsmanship: We prioritize sportsmanship and fair play above all else. Players, coaches, parents, and spectators are expected to demonstrate respect and courtesy toward each other, officials, and opponents.
2. Integrity: We value integrity and honesty. Players and coaches will play by the rules and not engage in any form of cheating or unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. Eligibility: requirements, such as age and previous level of participation, must be followed. They have been established to encourage and maximize participation, as well as promote safety.
4. Inclusivity: We embrace diversity and inclusivity. Everyone is welcome to participate in the league regardless of their background, gender, race, or ability.
5. Safety: We prioritize the safety and well-being of all participants. Coaches and officials must follow safety guidelines and ensure that players are properly equipped.
6. Positive Coaching: Coaches will focus on positive reinforcement and constructive feedback to help players develop their skills and confidence.
7. Respect for Officials: We respect the authority of the officials and their decisions on the field. Disputes with calls should be handled respectfully and through appropriate channels.
8. Parental Support: Parents and guardians will support their children's participation by encouraging them to play with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. They will also respect coaches, officials, and other players.
9. Development of Character: We believe in using lacrosse as a means to develop character traits such as perseverance, teamwork, and leadership.
10. Respect for Facilities: We will treat all facilities, fields, and equipment with respect and care.
11. Conflict Resolution: Any conflicts or concerns will be addressed promptly and respectfully through open communication with the league officials.
12. Anti-Bullying: We have a zero-tolerance policy for bullying or any form of harassment among players, coaches, parents, or spectators.
13. Positive Environment: We will work together to create a positive and supportive environment for everyone involved in the league.

By adhering to this Code of Ethics, we aim to foster a safe, enjoyable, and enriching experience for all participants in the youth lacrosse league.

As the Leader of the Member Program in the SCLL, I pledge to: Honor the game of lacrosse and its rich history of sportsmanship and uphold these Code of Ethics for the South Coast Lacrosse League, its By-Laws and its Constitution. I pledge to educate my staff, parents, players and fans on the Code of Ethics, By-Laws and constitution and understand that by either omission or commission, my program will be subject to penalties as set forth by the South Coast Lacrosse League.

Coach Signature: _____

Coach Printed Name: _____

Date: _____