

Coach Code of Conduct

As a coach in the NW Lacrosse Sharpshooter program, I recognize my significant influence on players and the responsibility to model positive behavior, sportsmanship, and integrity. By signing this Code of Conduct, I commit to upholding the values of USA Lacrosse and fostering a safe, fair, and enjoyable environment for all participants. I will also uphold all the rules in the Northwest Sharpshooters Handbook.

Commitment to Sportsmanship

- I will teach and reinforce the concepts of fair play, respect, and sportsmanship at all levels, prioritizing these values over winning.
- I will demonstrate respect for players, officials, parents, and opponents, and encourage my players to do the same.
- I will educate my players on the important role of officials and reinforce respect for their decisions, even when I disagree.
- I will address grievances or misunderstandings through proper channels, never on the field in view of players or spectators.

Leadership and Role Modeling

- I will serve as a positive role model, demonstrating professionalism, courtesy, and fairness in all interactions.
- I will provide age-appropriate instruction and distribute playing time fairly, in accordance with league rules, to support player development.
- I will maintain a solid knowledge of lacrosse rules and adhere to them in both letter and spirit, avoiding attempts to manipulate rules for unfair advantage.

Safety and Player Welfare

- I will prioritize the safety and well-being of my players, ensuring a safe playing environment and addressing any unsafe behavior immediately.
- I will teach proper techniques and ensure players use equipment as intended to minimize injury risks.
- I will foster an inclusive environment, free from bullying, harassment, or discrimination, and report any such incidents to program officials.

Program and Community Responsibility

- I will communicate clearly with players, parents, and officials, providing basic rule knowledge to enhance understanding of the game.
- I will uphold eligibility requirements, such as age or team transfers, to promote fairness and maximize participation.

- I will represent NW Lacrosse Sharpshooters with integrity, understanding that my actions reflect on the program and the sport of lacrosse.

Consequences

I understand that failure to follow this Code of Conduct may result in consequences, including warnings, suspension, or removal from coaching duties, as determined by NW Lacrosse Sharpshooters and in alignment with USA Lacrosse guidelines. Decisions regarding violations are final.

Acknowledgment and Pledge

I have read and understand the NW Lacrosse Sharpshooters Coach Code of Conduct. I pledge to uphold these standards and accept the consequences of any violations.

Coach Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____