



HOWARD COUNTY LACROSSE PROGRAM COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Uphold all rules and regulations of Howard County Lacrosse Program.
- Assure that each coach and organizational official has access to and has read all league regulations.
- Assure that each player knows and obeys the Parent/Players Code of Conduct.
- Accept decisions of the game officials on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
- Together with game officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan that becomes a nuisance and is out of control is the responsibility of the coach and should be removed from the area.
- Do not leave the coach's area to shout instructions from sidelines.
- Do not criticize players in front of spectators, with gestures and loud noises, but reserve criticism until a more private situation arises.
- Do not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches or fans, by word-of-mouth or by gestures.
- Refrain from using abusive and profane language to anyone connected with the game, as a spectator, player, opposing coach or game official.
- Do not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct. An instruction to players to "get" another player or attempt to impose bodily harm to opposing players is considered incitement.
- Abstain from drinking of alcoholic beverages and smoking on both game and practice fields.
- Avoid running up scores. When a team leads its' opponent by more than 6 goals a 4 pass rule goes into effect for the Lightning, Midgets and Junior age groups. If a team leads its opponent by more than 10 goes a 6 pass rule goes into effect and the team's top 3 players must use their opposite hands. The opposing team's coach selects which 3 players will use their opposite hand. There is no score keeping at Clinic and Tyker so this should not be an issue.
- Assure that no player practice or play in a game without proper equipment.
- Remove from a game or practice, any player when slightly in doubt about his health, whether or not a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
- Assure that a player's scholastic achievement does not suffer because of participation in HCLP.

Coaches are only to use information provided to them through HCLP/HCRP for purposes of the league. This includes: Participant phone numbers, email, mailing address. Email lists provided to you through HCLP are not to be used under any circumstance for any business not pertaining to the Howard County Lacrosse Program. Endorsing camps, clinics and/or club team opportunities by using any form of participant information provided to you for the purposes of conducting HCLP business is in direct violation of this Code of Conduct.

NOTE: VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY WILL BE ENFORCED JOINTLY BY THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENTS OF THE HOWARD COUNTY LACROSSE PROGRAM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS, WITH DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TO BE USED AT THE DESCRETION OF THE BOARD. ANY DECISION BY THE BOARD WILL BE FINAL.

I have read and understand the above rules.

Coach's Name – Print

Signature

Date