

# **BEACH LACROSSE CODE OF CONDUCT**

## **PLAYER – PARENT-COACH**

### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS**

Play the game for the game's sake.

Be generous when you win.

Be gracious when you lose.

Be fair always, no matter what the cost.

Obey the rules of the game.

Work for the good of your team.

Accept the decisions of the officials with grace.

Believe in the honesty of your opponents.

Conduct yourself with honor and dignity.

Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of your teammates and opponents.

### **PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES**

Beach Lacrosse Club is a volunteer-staffed organization that offers lacrosse activities for the children of our community. The primary goal of Beach Lacrosse is to provide a safe, enjoyable environment in which our children can develop sports skills, as well as experience in a positive manner the emotional and social benefits of team play.

The role of parents is critical to the success of the BEACH program. It is, therefore, important that you follow the guidelines set forth below.

As a parent, I agree to:

**Fulfill my volunteer** obligation willingly, knowing that the effort I put forth will directly impact my child's Beach Lacrosse experience.

**Always keep in mind** that BEACH is a recreational sports program with an emphasis on developing skills and having fun. Although competition is a natural part of sports activities, I will not make winning the primary goal for me or my child.

**Not pressure my child to participate.** I will help my child develop internal motivation and love of the game. I will not pressure my child into participating.

**Demonstrate good sportsmanship.** I will treat everyone fairly and with respect. I will set high standards for my child to follow. I will respect the importance and contributions of volunteer coaches.

**Encourage learning and development.** I will work to educate myself and my child about the game so that my child can get the best exposure to the sport.

**Emphasize fair play by the rules.** I will always insist that my child plays fairly and by the rules.

**Let the coach control the game.** I will not yell instructions to my child from the sidelines or give my child instructions counter to those of the coach.

**Express only positive comments and attitude.** I will be a positive role model for my child. I will show emotional maturity by controlling my anger and never using obscene language or gestures. I will show a positive attitude toward the game and all its participants. I will not argue or yell about a referee's call.

**Follow** the regulations set forth for use of any practice or game facilities. All Beach Lacrosse practice and game properties are smoke-alcohol-and drug free. Please pick up all trash, park in designated areas, and behave in a manner that demonstrates using the facilities is a privilege.

**Parents must watch the game from the spectator side of the field. You may not be on the same side of the field as the players.**

**If you have problem or an issue please talk to your child's coach first.** Please make this conversation private and not on the field at practice or during a game. If you do not get sufficient resolution to your problem please then contact your coach liaison or a member of the Board of Directors of Beach Lacrosse.

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## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES**

### **PLAYING TIME RULES**

#### **NON-COMPETITIVE LEVELS (scoopers, U-9, & U-11):**

The goal of the non-competitive level is to give each team member equal playing time. Coaches will divide playing time as equally as practical between the players.

#### **COMPETITIVE LEVELS ( U-13 & U-15):**

During regular season games, the goal of the competitive level is to give each team member some playing time during each game of the season. Equal playing time is not guaranteed.

During league championship games and post season tournament games playing time is not guaranteed. All players are invited to attend tournaments.

### **TEAM DIVISION**

Coaches and players will abide by the league rules regarding division of teams within individual age brackets. All non-competitive level teams will divide its players equally and not based on ability.

Coaches and players will also abide by age requirements of each division. No players will be allowed to play above their age bracket without prior Board approval. Playing up will only be allowed in the event that the next bracket up has an insufficient number of players. No player is allowed to play below their age bracket for any reason.

Players may not request to be on a particular team for any reason.

### **STANDARD OF COACHING BEHAVIOR**

#### **As a Coach, I agree to:**

- Set a good example for participants and fans to follow.
- Respect officials and their judgment and abide by the rules of the event.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and spectators with respect.
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand they display good

sportsmanship.

Coach in a positive manner and do not use derogatory comments or abusive language.

## **ENFORCEMENT**

Any complaints concerning a coach who has violated this code shall be first brought to the attention of the Sport Commissioner or a Board Member.

All complaints will be thoroughly investigated and penalties may occur at the discretion of the Board of Directors, whose decision will be final.

Coaches may be placed on probation or suspended from Beach Lacrosse activities for violation of this code.

Any coach suspended from all Beach Lacrosse activities for violation of this code, will receive a letter from the Beach Lacrosse Board. After a reasonable period of time, not less than one week, that individual may apply to the Board to be reinstated as a coach.

## **PENALTIES**

Any coach or parent ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended for the next two events and may be subject to additional penalties.

Any coach or parent who physically or verbally abuses another person will be suspended for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from any subsequent Beach Lacrosse participation.

We require all applicants, team members, family members, and coaches to acknowledge and comply with our Code of Conduct, and we reserve the right to deny membership to any applicant and/or to terminate the membership of any participant or coach for violations of our Code of Conduct.

I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct and agree to follow its guidelines at all league activities. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be asked to leave the league activity (such as a game or practice) or I may be asked to withdraw my child from the league.

**Signed:**

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Player Name (printed and signed)

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Parent Name (printed)

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Parent Signature

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Team and Coach Signature

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Date