

## LV CODE OF CONDUCT - PLAYERS

The Board of Lacrosse Victoria actively supports the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport, which ensures every person in Victoria has the right to participate in community sport which is safe, welcoming and inclusive of anyone regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religion, culture or disability, and will have the opportunity to participate in our sport without fear of abuse, intimidation or sexual harassment.

Lacrosse Victoria accepts the responsibility of ensuring participation in our community sport event is free of any anti-social behaviour both on and off field which would prevent others from taking part and getting active.

All clubs will have the responsibility of adhering to and enforcing the code through the proper reporting processes and enforcing the Code through sport specific penalties. Any club from Lacrosse Victoria who does not adhere to and enforce the Code could be responsible for the cancellation of any existing funding to the sport from Sport and Recreation Victoria, and any existing funding may cease.

Lacrosse Victoria seeks to provide all players, officials and supporters with a high quality, enjoyable and energetic competition. It is expected that all involved will display, as their prime objective, good sportsmanship and fellowship in order to attain maximum enjoyment, recreation and social interaction for all concerned.

### **1. Lacrosse Victoria will actively encourage all participants to:**

- Be an ambassador for lacrosse at all times
- Show a spirit of cooperation in every aspect of the game
- Refrain from the use of derogatory and abusive language, particularly based on gender, sexuality, race, culture or ability
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of everybody
- Respect those in a leadership position
- Be a proper role model to those younger than you
- Always endeavour to develop and improve the sport of lacrosse

### **2. Lacrosse Victoria will actively encourage all players to:**

- Play by the rules
- Never argue with an official. If you disagree, ask your captain or coach to approach the official during a break or after the game
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players is not acceptable

- In particular, acknowledge the difficult task that referees have and resist the temptation to abuse them in any circumstances
- Work equally hard for yourself and the team
- Be a sportsman and acknowledge good play whether from your team or the opposing team
- Actively discourage on or off the field sledging despite examples in other sports. It is not consistent with sportsmanship
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated yourself. Don't interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of others
- Cooperate with your coach, teammates, officials and opponents. Without them there wouldn't be a competition
- Ignore any isolated incident of unsportsmanlike behaviour you might encounter. Highlighting such behaviour is unproductive

**Players should be aware that breaches of the code of conduct may result in disciplinary action by the club**

Players Name (Printed):

Players Signature:

Parent/Guardian (If player is under 18): .....

Date: / /