

CODE OF CONDUCT - PARENTS

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 behavior 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.

PARENTS OF LACROSSE PLAYERS WILL BE EXPECTED TO

- Encourage children to participate, if they are interested however, if a child is not willing, do not force him or her
- Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event (This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to his or her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning)
- Teach children that an honest effort is as important as a victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment
- Encourage children to always participate within the rules

- Never ridicule or yell at children for making an error or losing a game
- Remember children are involved in organized sport for the enjoyment not yours
- Remember children learn best from examples
- Applaud good plays by all teams
- If there is a disagreement with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than questioning the official's judgment and honesty in public (Remember that most officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement)
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities
- Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches (They give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support)
- Avoid use of derogatory language based on gender