



PENTICTON MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION
PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Thank you for being a member of the Penticton Minor Lacrosse Association (PMLA) and the positive promotion of our organization and its programs. Accordingly, the following Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct has been adopted by our Association. This Code of Conduct applies to any and all conduct relating to PMLA, including on-line conduct (e.g. posts or comments on websites, social media, scheduling and communication apps, etc.) Each parent/guardian of a PMLA registered player must review and sign this Code of Conduct to be kept on file by PMLA.

Conduct & Ethics

- I will remember that I am a youth sports parent, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I shall encourage my child to play by the rules, encourage their best effort without focusing on winning and praise fair competition, skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
- I shall never ridicule or admonish my child, or any other child, for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will treat all players, coaches, parents, officials and board members with respect and dignity and will refrain from negative, abusive, or profane language.
- I shall refrain from any conduct that serves to harm or, in any way put the PMLA, its members or its affiliated associations into disrepute. This includes malicious statements or false accusations made on social media. I will seek further guidance from the PMLA Executive Committee if publication of such material is thought to be necessary.

Health & Safety

- I will ensure that the health and physical well-being of my child take precedence to practices/competition.
- I will follow all injury evaluation practices and will seek medical advice for my child when it is recommended.
- I will refrain from the use of drugs and/or alcohol while in attendance of any PMLA team-related event. Any parent found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at a team event will be immediately removed as a spectator.
- I will ensure that my child has all required lacrosse safety equipment. Please check expiration dates on helmets and ensure that shoulder pads, kidney pads and gloves are a proper fit for your child.

Interaction with Officials

- I will under no circumstances shout at officials from the stands. I am aware that my child's coaches are capable of handling situations that involve officials.
- I will remember that many officials are young adults who should be given the opportunity to grow as a referee without ridicule. We all make mistakes as we learn.
- I will not attempt to influence any calls (running commentary) or any decision of an official.
- I will not intimidate or behave in an aggressive manner towards any official.
- Any parent who is ejected from any league sanctioned game or approaches a referee in an aggressive manner before/after a game will be subject to a disciplinary review.

Disciplinary Actions

- Any compliance infractions of the above Parent Code of Conduct will result in a disciplinary review by the PMLA Executive Committee. Upon completion of the review, the non-complying parent may be subject to one or more of the following actions:
 - Written reprimand
 - Removal or block/ban from PMLA online apps etc.
 - Suspension from attending team activities
 - Termination as a PMLA member
 - Recurring infractions can be cumulative if they demonstrate a pattern of behavior.

I have read and accept the above terms set forth in this document. I agree to comply by this code of conduct in good faith and of my own accord.

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Parent/Guardian Name	Signature	Date
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