

COCALICO BOYS LACROSSE CLUB

Code of Conduct

The Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club has implemented a **Code of Conduct** to help promote and encourage good sportsmanship, respect for the game, and respect for each other. In order to participate in the program, each participant (players, parents/guardians, and coaches) must agree to the **Code of Conduct** as outlined below.

All participants in the Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club program (players, parents/guardians, and coaches) are required to read the **Code of Conduct** and then sign and date the **Agreement Form** in the designated space. By signing the **Agreement Form**, each participant agrees to meet and adhere to the **Standards** as outlined below.

A signed and dated copy of the **Agreement Form** must be returned to the Head Coach prior to the first official practice. Any player, who has not turned in a signed and dated form, will NOT be allowed to practice or play with the team until the form has been turned in.

Standards

Athlete Behavior

- Players will listen to and follow the coaches instructions at all times.
- Players will conduct themselves in a mature and respectable manner at all times.
- Players will respect their teammates, opponents, coaches, referees, parents, spectators, and themselves.
- Players will follow the rules of lacrosse during all practices and games ... cheating will not be tolerated.
- Players may not use foul language (cursing) on any playing field, at any time.
- Players may not verbally harass any other individual or team at any time (this includes trash talking, taunting, hazing, bullying, name calling, and making threatening remarks).
- Players will respect the decisions of the referee, and will not argue with referee calls. All referee judgments are final. Players must be aware that their displeasure can be demonstrated in many ways beyond voicing an opinion, such as throwing a stick in disgust, or making other negative motions with other body parts. These actions are treated in the same manner as are negative verbal responses.
- Players may not physically confront any other player, coach, referee, parent, or spectator at any time. This includes following a game's conclusion. Any player who violates this standard will be banned from all Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club functions.

Parent/Guardian Behavior

- Parents/Guardians will promote, encourage, and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
- Parents/Guardians will be positive role models, and will lead by example in actions and words.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend games whenever possible. Parents/Guardians are also encouraged to cheer on the players. However, all cheering must be positive in nature and in content.
- Parents/Guardians must let the coaches "do the coaching". Parents/Guardians will refrain from giving their child advice while he is practicing or playing.
- Parents/Guardians are not allowed to watch the game from the players' side of the field unless given prior permission from the coaching staff. In other words, all fans and spectators must remain on the "opposite" side of the field during games (except in the case where grandstands are provided). In addition, for safety reasons, no fans or spectators will be allowed to stand on the end lines during games.

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- Parents/Guardians will not harass or otherwise interfere with the referee's ability to officiate or to maintain control of a game. Parents/Guardians are entitled to their opinions on judgment calls, but must keep in mind that all referee calls are final.
- Parents/Guardians are not allowed to harass or otherwise verbally abuse any player, coach, referee or other spectator. Particular attention must be paid to respecting all of the referees assigned to our games.
- Parents/Guardians may not physically confront any player, coach, referee, parent, or other spectator at any time. This includes following a game's conclusion. Any parent who violates this standard will be banned from all Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club functions.

Coaches Behavior

- Coaches will lead by example and will be positive role models by displaying good sportsmanship at all times.
- Coaches will teach their players the rules of lacrosse and will see that those rules are followed.
- Coaches will honor the game by conducting every game within the rules of lacrosse.
- Coaches will not harass or otherwise interfere with a referee's ability to officiate a game. All referee's decisions are final. A coach may discuss judgment calls with a referee during a time out or between periods. This discussion must occur in a mature, polite, civil, and non-intimidating manner.
- Coaches will not verbally abuse any player at any time, whether from their own team or from the opposition.
- Coaches may not physically confront any player, coach, referee, parent, or spectator at any time. This includes following a game's conclusion. Any coach who violates this standard will be banned from all Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club functions.

Failure to Comply with Standards

The terms of the **Code of Conduct** apply to **ALL** participants in the Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club program (players, parents/guardians, and coaches). Failure to uphold or comply with the **Standards**, set forth above will result in appropriate disciplinary actions. Failure to uphold or comply with the **Standards** will be determined by the Head Coach, and any major issues will be brought to the attention of the Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club President, if necessary.

The Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club will implement the following procedures for failure to comply with the Standards set forth in this Code of Conduct.

First failure to comply: Meeting including Coach, Player, and/or Parents

Second failure to comply: Meeting including President of the Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club, Coach, Player, and/or Parents; Game Suspension(s)

Third failure to comply: Meeting including President of the Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club, Coach, Player, and/or Parents; Removal from the team

Please sign and date the AGREEMENT FORM (on the following page) and RETURN it to your Head Coach prior to the first official practice.

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Code of Conduct AGREEMENT FORM

The terms of the **Code of Conduct** apply to **ALL** participants in the Cocalico Boys Lacrosse Club program (players, parents/guardians, and coaches). By signing the **Agreement Form**, each participant agrees to conduct themselves in a way that will help create a positive culture, a fun atmosphere, and a safe environment for all participants. In addition, by signing the **Agreement Form**, each participant agrees to meet and adhere to the **Standards** set forth in the Code of Conduct.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the **Code of Conduct** and I fully agree to meet and adhere to its **Standards** for the entire duration of the lacrosse season:

Player's Name (printed)

Player's Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian's Name (printed)

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Coach's Name (printed)

Coach's Signature

Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS PAGE (ONLY) TO YOUR HEAD COACH.
ALL OTHER PAGES ARE FOR YOUR REFERENCE.