



## Code of Conduct and Ethics

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.

I will do my best to provide a safe playing experience for my players and for those on opposing teams.

I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship for all of my players.

I will use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for my players.

I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free from drugs and tobacco, and I will refrain from their use, as well as the use of alcohol.

I have read and familiarized myself with tournament rules, and all of the players on my team are the proper age and grade level to participate.

I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing, taunting, or using profane language or gesture.

I will demand that my players treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

I will be respectful of people and their belongings, and will report any suspected incidents of wrongful behavior.

I will never ridicule my players, or other participants, for making a mistake or losing a competition.

I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials at the tournament. Complaining about or arguing with officials' calls or decisions is disrespectful and will not be tolerated. I will take time to speak with the tournament director at an agreed-upon time and place.

I will respect the decisions of the tournament and its directors.

I will adhere to all weather-related policies of the tournament, and will ensure that my team takes shelter during weather delays. The team will not re-enter the playing surface or other exposed areas until the 'all-clear' has been given by the tournament.

I will shake hands with the opposing team and the officials at the conclusion of all games.

I will clean up the sideline immediately following the conclusion of each game, and will pick up all trash prior to leaving any location on-site at the tournament.

I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.

By signing and completing this form, I, \_\_\_\_\_, head coach of \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ division of the Dick's Sporting Goods \_\_\_\_\_ lacrosse tournament ("Tournament"), acknowledge that I have comprehensively read the Code of Conduct and Ethics ("Code") and that I am responsible for my actions, as well as those of my fellow coaches, my team's players, and all those in attendance at the Tournament who are affiliated in any matter with my team ("Parties"). I will abide by and adhere to the Code at this Tournament, and understand and accept that any actions by Parties deemed to be in violation of the Code will result in penalty from the Tournament including, but not limited to, time-serving penalties, game and/or Tournament forfeiture, and expulsion without refund. I will share this Code with the Parties prior to the start of the Tournament.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Completion of this document is mandatory for participation in the Tournament.*