



CHILLIWACK MINOR LACROSSE ASSOCIATION (CMLA)

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

The role that a coach can have on a child's life is significant in youth development. Sports offers a place to develop both as an athlete and individual, and lessons a player learns on their team will be carried throughout life. Each player should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should always be considered in decisions by the coach.

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer as a coach. You are the face of Chilliwack Minor Lacrosse and the positive promotion of our organization and its programs. Accordingly, the following Coaches Code of Conduct has been adopted by our Association.

Conduct & Ethics

- I will be a positive role model for the athletes I coach, act professionally and take responsibility for my actions.
- I will represent CMLA in a positive manner and show respect for the organization.
- I will refrain from publicly publishing material that may cause injury to another person, organization, association, or company's reputation. I will seek further guidance from the CMLA Executive Committee if publication of such material is thought to be necessary.
- I will adhere to the BCLA Fair Play guidelines and treat all players equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion, or ability.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will ensure my language, manner, punctuality, preparation, and presentation demonstrate high standards.

Health & Safety

- I will ensure that the health and development of athletes will take precedence over the win/loss record.
- I will provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for practices and competition.
- I will follow all injury evaluation practices and will encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required.
- I will provide an environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. Any coach found to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at a team event will immediately removed from the coaching staff.
- I will ensure that all equipment is safe and ready for play.

Coaching

- I will be fair, considerate, and honest with athletes and communicate with them using instruction that is appropriate for their age and development level.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for all the skills that I teach.
- I will maintain my coaching certification (NCCP) and training as instructed by CMLA.
- When requested, I will submit my Criminal Record Check (CRC) to CMLA by the required deadline.
- I will make myself aware of the rules of the game provided by the CLA, BCLA or any applicable tournaments as appropriate and I will teach and explain these rules to my players.
- I will treat all players, coaches, parents, officials and board members with respect and dignity and will refrain from negative, abusive, or profane language.

Interaction with Officials

- The Head Coach is responsible for the actions of all bench personnel including assistant coaches and trainer.
- I will under no circumstances engage in an argument with a referee. Any discussions or conversations will be in a respectful tone.
- I will contact the CMLA Head Referee if I have a problem with the capabilities of a specific referee.
- 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.
- A coach who is ejected from any league sanctioned game will be subject a disciplinary review.

Disciplinary Actions

- Any compliance infractions of the above Coach Code of Conduct will result in a disciplinary review by the CMLA Head Coach, in conjunction with the CMLA Executive Committee.
- Upon completion of the review, the non-complying coach may be subject to one or more of the following actions:
 - Written reprimand
 - Suspension from team activities
 - Referral to BCLA Coaches Group
 - Termination as a CMLA coach
- Recurring infractions can be cumulative if they demonstrate a pattern of in behavior.

Agreement Acceptance

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.

Coach Name

Signature

Date