



# Surrey Lacrosse

## Code of Conduct for Players

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The Surrey Lacrosse Association (SLA) Code of Conduct has been created to establish standards of behavior for all members, players, coaches, volunteers, referees, parents, and spectators. This Code of Conduct is to ensure that the SLA promotes a fun, positive, and respectful environment to play and grow the game of lacrosse.

All members are expected to become familiar with their roles, responsibilities and expectations as a member of the SLA. Every member's personal conduct reflects upon the image of the SLA and it is their responsibility to create a positive reputation and show pride for the SLA, the members they represent, and the game of Lacrosse.

As a member of the Surrey Lacrosse Association, I state the following:

1. I will practice and encourage good sportsmanship with all players, coaches, game officials, spectators and parents at every game, practice and event. I will not harass athletes, coaches, officials or spectators either verbally, physically or online.
2. I will accept the decisions of coaches, team staff, SLA executive and officials without incident and will abide by the rules. I will refrain from public criticism of fellow athletes, coaches, officials, parents or other members of the SLA or other minor lacrosse associations.
3. If I disagree with a coaching or team staff decision I will speak to the coach or team staff directly to express my views in a respectful manner (players may have their parents speak to the coaches on their behalf) no earlier than 24 hours after any event or decision has been made (24hr rule).
4. I will demonstrate courtesy and respect for all athletes, spectators, officials, coaches and playing facilities, regardless of association; I will not engage in disrespectful conduct of any sort including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual or racial nature, trash-talking, taunting, bullying, boastful celebrations, any form of violence or other actions that demean individuals or the sport. I will not yell at, ridicule, or be negative towards any players, coaches, officials, or spectators.
5. I will report in writing to my coach and/or the Executive any incident which may cast negative light or hinder the ability of the team, coaches, game or athlete to enjoy and advance in a fair play environment.
6. I will abstain from using alcohol, drugs, or tobacco (and discourage their use by fellow athletes and members), before/after/during games practices, and team functions.
7. I will arrive on time and prepared (in accordance to coaching staff expectations) for games, practices and team events.
8. I will give the coaching staff reasonable notice if unable to attend a practice, game or other team event.
9. I will do my best to meet commitment expectations outlined by the coaching staff and will discuss any potential conflicts with the coaching staff prior to the season.
10. I will to my best to maintain a positive attitude during games, practices and team events.
11. I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches and speak to them respectfully at all times.
12. I will strive to be the best player, and teammate, and SLA representative I can be.

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I will accept responsibility for my actions and understand that I may be removed from a game, practice or facility if I should behave in a manner deemed unacceptable by the coaches and staff, game officials or SLA executive. There will be a zero tolerance level regarding the breaking of this code. I further understand that my conduct may result in disciplinary action from the SLA Executive including temporary or permanent suspension of playing (or spectating) privileges.

The following ACTION POLICY pertains to all members of the Surrey Lacrosse Association, whereas an Occurrence means any action by a member that breaks this Code of Conduct:

- 1st Occurrence: verbal or written warning and reminder of behavior expectations
- 2nd Occurrence: verbal and/or written warning by a member of the Executive. You will receive a written letter certifying that you have been warned of this behavior and a copy will be kept by the Executive. This warning will be accompanied by a 7 day suspension.
- 3rd Occurrence: mandatory suspension from all games, practices and other events for a period of 14 days. You will receive written notification of your suspension and a copy will be kept on file. An Executive member will notify you of the start and end dates for the period of suspension.
- 4th Occurrence: indefinite suspension from all games, practices and other events. The Executive will review events and consider reinstatement at the end of the season.

Notwithstanding the above schedule the Executive has the right, at their discretion, to escalate the disciplinary action if needed based on severity, precedence, and history.

Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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