

ELLCOTTVILLE LACROSSE FESTIVAL & RHINO LACROSSE CODE OF CONDUCT

Tournament participants including players, coaches, spectators, vendors and parents are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other participants. As a participant in a Rhino Lacrosse event, an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse and its participants.

The essential elements in this "Code of Conduct" are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves both on and off the playing field in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization.

It is only through such conduct that our events can earn and maintain a positive image and impact on all who are impacted by our events, including host communities and facilities. Rhino Lacrosse supports the following behaviors for those participating or involved in any way in a Rhino Lacrosse event:

- The essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be adhered to.
- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game, and must be taught and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.
- The emphasis on winning should never be placed above the value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, or the skills of the game.
- Derogatory comments are unacceptable. Use positive reinforcement with players and adults alike.
- It should be remembered that criticism, once made, can never be retracted.
- The safety and welfare of the players and participants are of primary importance.
- Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as with adults.
- Officials are expected to conduct themselves as professionals and in a manner that demonstrates courtesy and fairness to all parties while exercising their authority on the field.

- Adults involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass, or threaten an official.
- Knowledge of the rules of competition must be respected and adhered to by all who participate in the game of lacrosse, both in the letter and the spirit of the game. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Eligibility requirements, such as age and previous level of participation, must be followed.

These rules have been established to encourage and maximize participation, as well as promote safety.