



The Illinois Lacrosse League Code of Conduct must be acknowledged & agreed to by all coaches before the start of season. To do this, please reply CONFIRM to this email. 2024 Spring Season

The Illinois Lacrosse League supports the following behaviors for those participating or involved with this league in any manner:

- **Sportsmanship and Fair Play:** These are essential for the game and must be taught and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games. Permitting, encouraging or condoning performance that is dangerous or demeaning to a player, coach, official, spectator or anyone connected with the function of the game is unacceptable.
- **Safety and Welfare:** The safety and welfare of the players are to be the primary focus of each practice and game.
- **Positive Role Models:** Coaches must be aware of their actions and words and display positive behavior that can be mimicked by their players.

The Illinois Lacrosse League does not support nor tolerate the following behaviors:

- **Badgering of Officials or Others:** ILL player(s), coach(es), guardians or spectators involved with the games may not openly or maliciously criticize, badger, harass or threaten an official. To do so is a violation of the rules of the game and is considered unacceptable conduct. Coach(es) should respectfully and privately address all concerns at the appropriate time. If deemed appropriate, put any concerns about officiating in writing and submit to the league coordinator.
- **Abusive Conduct:** ILL player(s), coach(es), guardians or spectators abusing an official, player or another coach in any way prior to, during or after the game will be barred from participating in the remainder of the game(s) in question. The offending individual(s) must immediately leave the game area. Depending on the seriousness of the infraction, the offender may be barred from attending any future games or tournaments.
- **Attempt Unfair Advantage:** Knowledge of the rules of lacrosse 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. The rules are designed to protect the players, provide common standards and control the game. Attempts to beat or circumvent these rules, to take unfair advantage of an opponent or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct is considered unacceptable conduct.
- **Circumventing Rules:** Guidelines and eligibility requirements, such as age and previous level of participation, have been established to encourage and maximize participation, as well as promote safety.
- **Unsportsmanlike Conduct:** Any unsportsmanlike behavior will be addressed immediately. Failure to improve the conduct can result in team penalties, removal of the offender or, in extreme circumstances, stoppage of play and forfeiture of the game.



Enforcement of the Code of Conduct:

- Any player or coach that violates the code will be immediately removed from the game. If warranted, the behavior will be reviewed by the league and the player or coach could be suspended for the next game(s) or removed from the team for the remainder of the season.
- ILL Coaches will be notified of any player that is suspended or removed from the roster. If the coach uses this player, the game will be forfeited; no exception will be made on this ruling.
- Any spectator that violates the code will be immediately asked to leave the field. If warranted, the behavior will be reviewed by the league and the spectator could be suspended or banned from the sidelines for some or all of the remainder of the season.

