

NZLA Players Code of Conduct

This document has been established to provide guidance to all NZLA registered players.

Members of the NZLA will at all times seek to preserve the integrity of the Association, the League, their team and to enhance their own reputations.

Members should at all times attempt to undertake a course of behaviour that will enhance the reputation and standing of lacrosse as the sport of choice for many New Zealanders

Any behaviour that causes doubt to be cast upon the integrity of the NZLA or behaviour that causes the sport of Lacrosse in New Zealand to be brought into disrepute will be regarded as just cause for the NZLA Executive Committee to investigate the behaviour and if needed enact the conditions allowed for by our rules.

Professionalism

Players must:

- Conduct themselves in a manner which at all times be irreproachable, whether they be at a game officiating, playing, managing, coaching or as a spectator
- Conduct themselves at all times in a mature, confident and responsible manner.
- Present themselves smartly whenever taking part in activities associated with Lacrosse.
- Exercise self-restraint at all times especially during a game when confronted with a difficult circumstance.
- Act as a team. Players must support their teammates.
- Never criticize the performance of a game official.
- Play the game to the best of their ability and in a professional manner regardless of the level of game they are playing in.
- Abide by the rules of the game at all times.
- Comply with instructions of game officials at all times.
- Refrain from the use of abusive or profane language or take part in sledging of the opposition whether at a game officiating, playing, managing, coaching or as a spectator
- Comply with the NZLA policy on Anti Doping and alcohol use.

Attitude

Players must:

- Maintain a positive frame of mind regardless of the circumstances.
- Present themselves at all times in a manner that is polite and courteous and treat all persons as they wish to be treated.
- Accept the fact that occasional organisational or game officials' mistakes will occur. Players should block them out, carry on and not let them cloud their judgement.
- Must not engage in verbal conflicts with other players, coaches, Officials or spectators either before, during or after the game.
- By personal conduct and example attempt to improve the standard of the game in each game that they play.

Punctuality

Players should:

- Be at the ground at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled game start time.
- Players must be dressed ready to play at least ten minutes prior to the scheduled game start time.

Cancellations

A Player should:

- Notify their team Captain / Coach if for any reason they can not attend a game/training session that they had agreed to take part in.
- Give the Team Captain / Coach a minimum of 48 hours notice of unavailability if and whenever possible

I, _____ agree to abide by the **NZLA Players Code of Conduct**, By-Laws and Game Rules as set out by the NZLA and which may from time to time be amended by the NZLA Executive and advised to clubs. I also confirm that by signing this agreement All collected information will be held on a computer database at the registered office of the NZLA and that this information may be disclosed to Member Clubs, Regional and National Sports Organisations, Funding Organisations and Media Organisations. This consent is given in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. I certify that agreement is also given to forward, as necessary information required by the NZ Drug Testing. Agency.

Signed _____

Date _____