

New Zealand Women's Lacrosse Association  
NZWLA

Code of Conduct



## A Code for Coaches, Team Managers, and Club Officials

New Zealand Women's Lacrosse is committed to creating a culture for our sport that provides opportunities for all to participate in keeping with the spirit of our game. We all have a role to play in developing this culture. We are asking you to play your part to adhere to and promote New Zealand Women's Lacrosse's code of Conduct.

We are asking all coaches, managers, and club officials to adhere to and promote New Zealand Women's Lacrosse's code of conduct. Coaches, team managers and club officials should be aware of their influence on players of all ages and conduct themselves in a positive manner at all times to promote the positive values of our game of lacrosse.

On and off the field, I will:

Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators  
Adhere to the rules and spirit of our game  
Promote fair play and high standards of behaviour

Always respect the match officials' decisions  
Never engage in public criticism of the match officials

Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.  
Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game.

When working with players, I will:

Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity  
Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me  
Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem  
Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.

Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying  
Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance  
Co-operate fully with others in lacrosse (eg officials, doctors, physiotherapists) for each players' best interests

Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.

Required to meet with the club, or regional chair

Required to meet with the club committee

Monitored by another club coach

Required to attend an appropriate education course

Suspended by the club from attending matches

Suspended by the NZWLA or regional association

Required to leave by your club or region.

**I understand if I do not adhere to the code of conduct, actions may be taken by my School, Club, Regional Association, or the New Zealand Woman's Lacrosse Association**



## A Code for Match Officials

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We are asking all match officials to adhere to and promote New Zealand Women's Lacrosse's code of conduct. The conduct and behaviour of match officials has a direct and indirect impact on our game of lacrosse.

I will:

Be timely and completely impartial at all times  
Apply the rules of our game and competition rules fairly and consistently

Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner

Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct

Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players, officials and spectators

Work with and support all my match official colleagues at all times

Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game

Communicate with the players and encourage fair play. Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by players or coaches

Prepare physically and mentally for every match

Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game.

Required to meet with the school club, or regional representative

Monitored by another match official

Required to attend an appropriate education course

Have my certification revoked.

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## A code for Spectators, Carers and Parents



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We are asking all schools and clubs to support New Zealand Women's Lacrosse's Code of Conduct to ensure lacrosse can be enjoyed in a safe and positive environment.

Remember that children's lacrosse is a time for developing a love of the game and a sense of fair play. It is also a time for players to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything. We are asking you to play your part and commit to the code of conduct at all times.

I will:

Remember that children play for FUN

Applaud effort and good play as well as success for both teams

Always respect the match officials' decisions •

Remain outside the field of play and maintain a respectful distance from coaches and players, observing team box areas if available

Demonstrate positivity towards all players and coaches; Let the coach to do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do

Encourage the players to respect the opposition, umpire/referee and match officials

Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning

Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game.

Issued with a verbal warning or appropriate card by a match official

Obligated to leave the match venue by the school, club or match official

Required to meet with the school club, or regional representative

Required to meet with the club committee

Obligated to undertake an appropriate education course

Requested by the school or club not to attend future matches

Suspended or have my club membership removed

Required to leave the school or club along with any dependents.

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## A Code for Young Players

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We all have a responsibility to conduct ourselves in a way that honours the 'spirit of the game' by respecting others and promoting high standards of behaviour on and off the field.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why New Zealand Women's Lacrosse is asking every player to follow this code of conduct.

When playing lacrosse, I will:

Always play to the best of my ability

Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time

Respect my teammates, the other team, the match officials and my coach

Play by the rules as directed by the umpire/referee

Shake hands with the other team and umpire/referee at the end of the game

Listen and respond to what my coach tells me

Talk to someone I trust or the school/club welfare officer if I am unhappy about anything at my school/club

Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game.

Be required to apologise to my teammates, the other team, match official or coach

Receive a formal warning from the coach, school or club committee

Be dropped from the team

Be suspended from training

Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

My club, school, or regional committee may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the code of conduct

My club or school could be fined or suspended by the region or NZWLA Committee

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## A Code for Players

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On and off the field, I will:

Adhere to the rules of our game

Display and promote high standards of behaviour

Promote fair play

Never engage in public criticism of the match officials and understand that without them, there would be no game

Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment

Speak to my teammates, the opposition, the match officials, club officials and my coach with respect

Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee/umpire at the end of every game

Be aware of my online presence and behaviour and ensure any messages or posts adhere to the positive spirit of our game.

Be required to apologise to my teammates, the other team, match official or coach

Receive a formal warning from the coach, school or club committee

Be dropped from the team

Be suspended from training

Not be selected for the team

Required to attend an appropriate education course

Be suspended from matches

Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

My club or school could be fined or suspended by the, region or NZWLA Committee.

**I understand if I do not adhere to the code of conduct, actions may be taken by my School, Club, Regional Association, or New Zealand Women's Lacrosse Association**



I have read the above Code of Conduct and understand that it is my responsibility to conduct myself in an appropriate manner, and that should I breach the Code of Conduct, there are rammifications.

Signature..... Date.....

Witness name (please print).....

Witness Signature.....

Parent/Guardian..... Date.....  
(if player is under 18 years of age only)

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