

New Zealand Lacrosse (NZL) Code of Conduct

1. Commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi

- a. New Zealand Lacrosse (NZL) recognises Te Tiriti o Waitangi as Aotearoa New Zealand's founding document.
- b. NZL is committed to upholding the mana of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the principles of Partnership, Protection and Participation.

2. Values

- a. NZL knows everyone involved in the sport is here because of a shared passion for the sport and care for the people involved.
- b. NZL aims to provide a safe, inclusive and enjoyable environment for everyone involved in its activities. People are expected to show respect and courtesy in their interactions with others.
- c. Children and young people in particular must be cared for, treated with respect and their welfare placed at the centre of everything we do in the activity/sport.
- d. Everyone involved in the activity/sport joins with good intentions and we are all expected to do our part responsibly and to comply with our policies and rules.

3. Purpose

- a. This code aims to:
 - i. Provide guidance on the behaviour expected of all people when participating in NZL activities; and
 - ii. support an inclusive environment where all people are treated with dignity, respect and courtesy.

Application

- b. This code applies to anyone involved in NZL activities where applicable.
- c. This includes:
 - i. participants;
 - ii. volunteers;
 - iii. supporters;
 - iv. employees;
 - v. service providers; and
 - vi. families/whānau of participants.
- d. It is to be read together with NZL's policies and procedures.

4. Expected Behaviours

Everyone

- a. Everyone involved with NZL must obey the law at all times.
- b. Everyone is expected to:
 - i. act in good faith towards NZL;
 - ii. show commitment to NZL's purpose;
 - iii. follow the principles of fair play, and encourage others to do the same;
 - iv. respect the rights, dignity and value of others;
 - v. be considerate and treat everyone fairly and equally;
 - vi. be a positive role model;
 - vii. communicate with others in a way that is honest and considerate;
 - viii. be committed to providing a quality service and activity/sporting environment;
 - ix. behave professionally, responsibly and ethically at all times;
 - x. not behave in a way that is discriminatory, bullying, harassing, racist, sexist, violent, abusive or otherwise inappropriate towards others, in person or online;
 - xi. remain free of the influence of drugs, performance-enhancing substances and alcohol while involved in NZL activities;
 - xii. ensure safe and healthy practices at all times;
 - xiii. follow this code, NZL's policies and procedures, and any applicable rules issued by NZL;
 - xiv. report breaches of this code, NZL's policies and procedures, and any applicable rules issued by NZL in a timely and appropriate way as directed by the NZL.

Participants

- c. Participants are expected to:
- i. play competitively and fairly;
 - ii. play by the rules of the activity/sport;
 - iii. be humble in both success and defeat;
 - iv. Be respectful of officials, coaches, team managers, teammates, and other competitors.
 - v. refrain from arguing with or abusing officials, coaches, and team managers;
 - vi. Be cooperative with officials, coaches, team managers, teammates, and other competitors.
 - vii. Participants must be honest and respectful in all communication with and about coaches, officials, and other members of the organization. Spreading rumors or false information is strictly prohibited

Family/whānau of participants are expected to:

- Lead by example
- Remember, participant enjoyment of the activity/sport is most important
- Encourage participants, not force them
- Focus on participant effort and performance, not the end result
- Never punish participants for making a mistake or not winning
- Encourage participants to play by the rules of the sport
- Encourage low-level resolution of disagreements
- Be appreciative of officials/referees, coaches, supervisors and team managers, and respect their decisions.
- Families must be honest and respectful in all communication with and about coaches, officials, and other members of the organization. Spreading rumors or false information is strictly prohibited
- We require all families to engage in honest and respectful dialogue. Any reports of misconduct must be truthful and follow the established reporting procedures; making false reports or statements is a serious breach of this code of conduct

Coaches / Programme Staff

- d. Coaches / Programme Staff are expected to:
- i. lead by example;
 - ii. respect and treat all participants fairly and equally;
 - iii. support participants to reach their full potential, keeping in mind their individual talents, developmental stages and sporting goals;

- iv. provide all participants with equal attention and opportunities;
- v. operate within the rules of the sport, and the principles of fair play, while encouraging participants to do the same;
- vi. advocate a sporting environment free of drugs, alcohol and performance-enhancing substances, guided by Drug Free Sport New Zealand;
- vii. display courtesy, respect, honesty and professionalism to everyone involved in the activities of NZL, including family/whānau, other competitors, coaches, officials/referees and team managers
- viii. remain professional and refrain from initiating a relationship with a participant, and discourage any attempts by participants to do so;
- ix. accurately represent all qualifications, experience, competence and affiliations they have;
- x. provide a quality service to participants, including:
 - 1. maintaining qualifications as appropriate
 - 2. seeking continuous improvement and development opportunities for themselves
 - 3. providing structured training that is appropriate to participants' needs and goals and
 - 4. seeking advice and assistance where required.
- xi. provide a safe sporting environment, as far as possible by:
 - 1. making sure all equipment and facilities meet health and safety standards
 - 2. making sure all equipment, rules, training and environments are appropriate, taking into account participants' ages, maturity (physical and emotional), experience and ability
 - 3. encouraging participants to seek medical advice when sick or injured
 - 4. being considerate and proactive toward sick and injured participants
 - 5. be alert to the abuse of participants, verbally, physically and emotionally.
- xii. Coaches must be honest and respectful in all communication with and about coaches, officials, and other members of the organization. Spreading rumors or false information is strictly prohibited
- xiii. We require all coaches to engage in honest and respectful dialogue. Any reports of misconduct must be truthful and follow the established reporting procedures; making false reports or statements is a serious breach of this code of conduct

Team Managers

- e. Team managers are expected to:
 - i. be responsible and accountable for the overall management and well-being of the team/group;
 - ii. create a collaborative and inclusive team/group environment;
 - iii. have a good understanding of NZL policies and other relevant lacrosse rules or guidelines, ensuring the team/group acts in accordance with them.
 - iv. Team Managers must be honest and respectful in all communication with and about coaches, officials, and other members of the organization. Spreading rumors or false information is strictly prohibited
 - v. We require all team managers to engage in honest and respectful dialogue. Any reports of misconduct must be truthful and follow the established reporting procedures; making false reports or statements is a serious breach of this code of conduct

Officials

- f. Officials are expected to:
 - i. Officiate matches fairly and impartially, placing participant safety at the heart of their approach;
 - ii. Have a thorough understanding of lacrosse rules.
 - iii. Condemn unsporting behaviour and encourage respect for competitors;
 - iv. Support other referees/officials and promote respect for them;
 - v. Treat all participants equally, and with dignity and respect
 - vi. Conduct themselves in an ethical way.

5. Reporting a Breach

- a. Individuals who wish to report an alleged breach of this policy should follow the complaints procedure outlined in the NZL Complaints Policy and Procedure.

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