 **TARTAN YOUTH LACROSSE**

US LACROSSE CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, coaches, spectators and parents are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game"

and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials and spectators. In becoming a member of the

lacrosse community 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 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 sport can earn and

maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to youth sports in the United States and around

the world. US Lacrosse and its Youth Council support the following behaviors for those participating or

involved in any way with US Lacrosse and youth lacrosse in general:

 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 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 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. 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. They

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

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