

Butler Youth Lacrosse Association

Code of Conduct

Support the overall mission of BYLAX

- Our goal at BYLAX is to teach hard work, respect, teamwork, discipline and accountability through the sport of lacrosse.
- Honor the game and emphasize sportsmanship
- Emphasize life lessons through the game of lacrosse
- Teach players the game of lacrosse
- Promote and grow lacrosse in Butler

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As a member of the BYLAX program, you represent more than just yourself. Your actions on and off the field can reflect both positively and negatively upon many people. As a BYLAX athlete, you represent:

- Yourself
- Your Family
- Your Coaches
- Your School
- Your Community
- Your Other Team members

Being a BYLAX Lacrosse Player is a privilege and a responsibility. The following is a Code of Conduct you will be expected to follow. It will be strictly adhered to.

Expectations:

Eligibility – Everyone is welcome to participate within the BYLAX organization but must meet the following criteria:

- Provide Emergency Contact Information
- Sign and adhere to the Code of Conduct
(both player and parent, coaches, and board members)
- Formal Registration filled out online and submitted

Sportsmanship – Being a good sportsman means showing respect to other competitors and everyone involved in the sport. A good player does not let his/her emotions take over, no matter the circumstances.

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SPORTSMANSHIP defined by the BYLAX: A person who can take a loss or defeat without complaint or victory without gloating, and who treats his/her own team and/or opponents with fairness, courtesy and respect. (We do not speak inappropriately to others including but not limited to other teams, players, coaches, spectators, or parents and/or referees: Profanity and vulgarity, hate speech is unacceptable. Any form of racial slur or insult will be met with harsh consequences. Let our playing make the statement. We will remain composed at all times.) Student Athletes, coaches, parents/guardians, spectators and others are expected to demonstrate good sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play during all athletic competitions. They shall also abide by the core principles of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness and good citizenship.

Players-

1. Respect your teammates, coaches, referees, parents, spectators, and opponents at all times.
2. Give 100% effort at each practice and game.
3. Know the rules of the game of lacrosse and abide by them.
4. Support and encourage your teammates. Set a positive example. Absolutely No Bullying. No hate speech, vulgarity, or racial slurs will be tolerated.
5. Wear the required equipment at all games and practices, and keep your equipment well maintained.
6. Display good sportsmanship at all times on and off the field.
7. Do not be afraid to make mistakes; that is part of learning.
8. Learn from your coaches; practice hard; play smart; Have Fun!
9. Be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
10. If at any time you are in violation of this Code of Conduct you will be taken out of the practice and or game at the time of the violation and a meeting date will be set with your parent or guardian and the Board prior to your ability to be reinstated.

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Playing Time - Everyone is eligible to play. Hard work, dedication, and the ability to be a team player is required. Coaches **WILL NOT** address questions or issues regarding playing time or other players with a parent/guardian until 24-48 hours after the event occurred to allow for a cool off period. Contact a BYLAX board member immediately to schedule a meeting to discuss any issues. All issues of playing time will be addressed with the player/parents directly.

- **Attendance** – If a player fails to attend two practices in a week, it shall be at the coach's discretion as to whether or not they will play in that week's game(s).

- **Be Accountable** – If you're having any kind of problem we can work together to fix it. We do not point fingers and pass blame; that has no place on the TEAM.

- **Uniforms**– Athletes are responsible for the uniform issued to them. Athletes need to take care of, and clean, the uniform issued to them.

- **Injuries/Sickness** – All injuries and health issues need to be reported to a coach as promptly as possible. If you tell us you are hurt/injured, we will remove you from play. If you hand your coach a doctor's note stating you can no longer participate due to injury, then the doctor must also clear you to return to activity. Injured players are expected to attend practices, team events, and games to support their teammates and to stay in peak mental shape in order to prepare for their return to play.

Players, Parents, Coaches, and Board Members-

Failure to abide by the rules of the Code of Conduct, will result in the following disciplinary actions:

1st Offense – Verbal Warning

2nd Offense – Meeting with parents and/or player, pending a one or two game/practice time suspension

3rd Offense –Suspended for the Season and removal from the team without an option of a registration refund.

The board reserves the right to not adhere to progressive discipline on a case by case basis.

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Parents and Coaches – Thank you for supporting your son /daughter's/ players commitment to our team. The BYLAX Board Members hope that we can all work together and avoid any undermining of one another; and focus rather on positive experiences for your son's/daughter's. Parent feedback or questions to the BYLAX Board are always welcomed and are encouraged. No questions regarding playing time, position assignments, or other players will be answered by your child's coach. You are to be a support system for your child, not a negative influence to the coaching staff or other player(s) competing with your son/daughter. If you wish to contribute or discuss improving the program off the playing field, please consider joining our Board.

1. Teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices. You are role Models!
2. Know the rules of the game of lacrosse.
3. Respect the game of lacrosse. Respect the officials. Respect the coaches, many are Volunteers.
4. Do not coach your child. Let players play and coaches coach, and support both Positively.
5. Do not EVER criticize other players regardless of the circumstance.
6. Follow the "24-48 Hour Rule"; if you have a complaint resulting from a game (or practice) situation, speak with the coach on the following day.
7. If there is a serious problem, notify either the President or a Vice-President of BYLAX.
8. Emphasize the FUN of the game and the team, putting forth effort at all times, not wins and losses.
9. If at any time you are in violation of this Code of Conduct at a practice or at a game, you will be asked to leave the field and a meeting date will be set with the Board prior to your ability to attend future events.

I have read and agree to abide by the foregoing statements contained in the BYLAX Code of Conduct.

Player Name: _____ Date:_____

Player Signature: _____

Parents/ Coach/ Board Members Name:_____ Date:_____

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