

Edgemont Youth Lacrosse (EYL) has adopted a Code of Conduct governing all coaches, players, officials and parents involved. The purpose of the Code is to ensure that everyone associated with EYL treat each other with dignity and respect while supporting the objectives of the program. EYL expects the Code of Conduct to be observed by all players, parents, and coaches associated with the program and reserves the right to separate from EYL any participants whose behavior is contrary to the Code of Conduct.

## **Parents**

- 1. Help emphasize our primary goals: Have fun, learn the game of lacrosse, stay in shape and develop leadership skills. You are role models who must demonstrate positive and sportsmanlike conduct.
- 2. Parents & siblings must remain off the playing field and in the designated spectator sections, usually opposite the team benches.
- 3. Dogs and other pets are not allowed on any Edgemont fields. The same is usually true when we play on the road. Please leave your pets at home.
- 4. Respect the officials. Their job is to help maintain fair and safe play while assisting in the learning process. There will be a call or two missed this season, both for and against our teams.
- 5. Respect the coaches, many of whom are volunteers.
- 6. Assist your child so that he/she has the necessary protective equipment, water, etc. for each game & practice.
- 7. Do not coach your child from the sidelines. Let the players play and the coaches coach. Besides, they can't hear you.
- 8. Do not criticize players, regardless of the circumstances.
- 9. Follow the "24 Hour Rule": If you have an issue regarding a game or practice, please speak to the coach the following day.
- 10.If a conversation with the coach does not resolve the issue, please raise the issue to the President or Vice President of the league.

## **Players**

- 1. Respect your teammates, coaches, referees & opponents at all times.
- 2. Give 100% effort at each practice and game.
- 3. Display good sportsmanship at all times on and off the field.
- 4. Know the rules of the game and abide by them.
- 5. Support and encourage your teammates. Everyone is learning.
- 6. Lacrosse is a physical sport. Know the difference between good physical play and excessive roughness. Dangerous play, especially with the stick, will not be tolerated.
- 7. Under no circumstances are players to question the calls of referees. Referees are there to guide both teams and maintain a fair and safe game. All conversations with referees, unless otherwise initiated by a referee, should start and end with the coach.
- 8. Wear the required equipment at all games and practices. Keep your equipment in good repair.
- 9. Make sure you have all equipment, water, etc. you need for games and practices. This is your responsibility, not your parents.
- 10. Respect the game and practice fields. Even if you did not bring something to a field, make sure you leave the field perfectly clean. This will mean you clean up someone else's mess.

## **Coaches**

- 1. Coaches are role models who must act with the highest moral character.
- 2. Coaches must reinforce the self-image of each player. Be positive & constructive to all players.
- 3. Respect the game of lacrosse. Respect the officials.
- 4. Teach the rules of lacrosse. Abide by those rules in practices and games.
- 5. Establish objectives for the team and players. Communicate these to the team and each player.
- 6. Teach and practice good sportsmanship at all games and practices.

## <u>All</u>

1. Any conduct, including abusive language and/or gestures, racially insensitive remarks, damage to property or belongings, bullying or

- any other conduct that reflects poorly on you and/or EYL is deemed to be unacceptable and will not be tolerated. The rule applies to all players, coaches, parents, siblings and guests at all times when in or around EYL events.
- 2. During any Away game or tournament, you represent the Edgemont Community and EYL. Please be respectful towards our hosts and abide by our Code and any additional rules our host may have in place.
- 3. Remain humble in victory and gracious in defeat.

The code comprises a range of community values and standards for behavior aimed at bringing out the best in our membership. Failure to comply with the code may result in suspension for a part or the remainder of the season.