



**Orono Youth Lacrosse Association  
2010**

Coaches Code of Conduct

Coaching lacrosse for the Orono Youth Lacrosse Association (OYLA) and Youth Lacrosse Minnesota (YLM) is a privilege. As with all privileges, there is responsibility. The association is dependent on its coaches to set an example; not only for his or her players, but also for parents. We know that all of our coaches are deeply committed to their teams and developing the sport of lacrosse. One of your responsibilities as a representative of the OYLA is to conduct yourself in a way that reflects positively on yourself, your team, the OYLA and the game of lacrosse. The OYLA strives to maintain a reputation for a high level of sportsmanship. Achieving this starts with you. Coaches who do not conduct themselves appropriately may be subject to discipline (by either OYLA or YLM or both) that could include removal from the club or membership in the YLM. Listed below are some of the behaviors you are expected to exhibit at all times:

1. I will control my language and not use foul or inappropriate language while participating in lacrosse related activities.
2. I will treat my players with respect at all times.
3. I will do my best to ensure the health, safety and well being of all players.
4. I will respect my opponents and shake hands at the completion of the game.
5. I will respect the game officials and shake hands at the completion of the game. I will remember that they are in control of the field and acknowledge that they are human and make mistakes. Open confrontation with the officials will not serve my team well. The officials will have the last word even if it results in coaches / players being sent off the field.
6. I will instruct my players to play hard but fairly at all times. I will instruct my players to shake their opponents' AND officials' hands at the completion of the game.
7. I will work hard to improve my lacrosse knowledge.
8. I will instruct parents and supporters to be positive and encouraging at all times.
9. I will try at all times to follow all OYLA and YLM rules and policies.
10. I will follow the rules of the game at all times.

I have read and understand this OYLA Coaches Code of Conduct. I understand that any violation of this code may result in disciplinary action against me. This code of conduct will be enforced for the current lacrosse season.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_