



Kelowna Kodiaks

Coaches Code of Conduct

The following Code of Conduct is designed to enhance and support player development. It is the responsibility of coaches to ensure that these rules are adhered to in an effort to create a positive, constructive, and professional environment for the entire lacrosse community. In addition to the proper coaching certification, every KMLA coach and assistant coach are required to sign and adhere to the following Code of Conduct. Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember, players are involved in Lacrosse for fun and enjoyment.

As a Kelowna Kodiak coach I agree to:

- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent and honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; **don't yell at players.**
- Adjust to personal needs and problems of players; be a good listener; **never verbally or physically abuse a player**; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics.
- **Help in improving the performance of the game officials**; they are learning the game as well. **Be supportive not critical.** Attitude you show toward the game officials is passed onto your players.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players.
- Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of Lacrosse; encourage all your players to be team players.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your players' parents.
- Explain the goals and objectives of your association.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players.
- Stress good health habits and clean living. To play the game is great, to love the game is greater.
- Follow the Fair Play Code as outlined by the BC Lacrosse Association.



- I will not engage in any negative social media activity such as baiting, taunting or disrespecting other players or organizations.
- I understand that language used to manipulate, insult, ridicule, humiliate, control or exhibit disrespect constitutes verbal abuse and violates this Code of Conduct. I will refrain from making negative comments to players, coaching staff (home and opponent), score/time keepers, and game officials.
- I understand that player jerseys (all of them provided by the association) are to be used for games only.
- **I understand that misbehavior, including verbal abuse, might be grounds for disciplinary actions taken by or association as per BCLA Box Lacrosse Disciplinary guidelines. This disciplinary action is in agreement/coordination with BC Lacrosse Coaches Technical Support Group and will also take into account our current constitution and policies.**

I, as a coach, have read and agree to abide to the best of my ability by the Kelowna Minor Lacrosse Association coaches code of conduct for the season.

Coach Signature:

Coach Name(s):

Date:

Season:
