



## **ALC Code of Conduct**

The following code of conduct outlines a philosophy that is fundamental to the game of lacrosse and is equally as essential as the development of skill and ability. Lacrosse belongs not only to the players, but all participants and spectators and all present have an obligation to honor and respect the game and those who contribute and participate in it.

It is expected and required that players and coaches participating in ALC play dedicate themselves to upholding the highest standards of conduct and competence. Sportsmanship and ethical values highlighting respect, fairness, civility, honesty, integrity, and accountability are the foundation of the sport and should be aspired to by all participants regardless of location of contest.

Players and Coaches agree to:

- Refrain from the use of profane or provocative language or gestures.
- Treat opponents, officials, teammates, coaches, and spectators with respect and appreciation. Verbal or physical abuse or disrespectful gestures will not be tolerated.
- Provide for the safety and comfort of visiting teams and officials by providing a safe field to compete upon and amenities such as water and changing facilities whenever possible
- Not use any equipment that can harm or injure another participant or the wearer.
- Refrain from participating in any behavior that reflects negatively on their team, the ALC, or their sponsoring institution.
- Not confront or assault any other participant (player, coach, official, or spectator) either verbally or physically.
- Not play or participate in any fashion that increases the risks inherent to a contact sport such as lacrosse.
- Render any aid necessary to any injured participant. Host teams are obligated to have an individual competent in first aid/sports medicine on hand at all games.
- Be aware that teams are responsible for the conduct and behavior of fans or spectators and can be penalized by game officials or conference officials.
- Be aware intoxicants of any kind are not allowed on or near the field of any ALC competition.
- Conduct themselves in an appropriate and mature manner at all times when participating in ALC competition. This includes travel to and from games, stays in overnight accommodations, in restaurants, use of another institution's facilities, etc. All participants need to be aware that they are not only representing the ALC and their individual institutions but also their coaches, alumni, and teammates.
- Be aware that any behavior contrary to the ALC Player and Coach Code of Conduct is subject to penalty or punishment as determined appropriate by the Executive Committee of the ALC or the Board of Directors.