

Centennial Youth Lacrosse Association Parental Code of Conduct Policy

Centennial Youth Lacrosse Association (hereafter referred to as CYLA), is committed to promoting an environment that fosters a superior level of sportsmanship in the participation of athletic events.

The following policy applies to all participants in CYLA athletic activities, including parents, guardians, and spectators and is intended to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants.

Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that “Honors the Game” and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents and fans. In becoming a member of the lacrosse community, an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse and its participants. The essential elements in the “Code of Conduct” are honesty and integrity. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to amateur sports in the United States and around the world.

1. As a representative of CYLA every coach, parent and athlete must at all times set examples of good sportsmanship.

2. Unsportsmanlike, abusive or violent conduct will not be tolerated at any CYLA event or activities. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Arguing with coaches, officials, teammates, opponents or spectators
- b. Using threatening or profane language
- c. Baiting or taunting coaches, officials, teammates, opponents or spectators
- d. Unsafe play
- e. Uncontrolled behavior in the bench area

3. It is a privilege to participate in athletic activities sponsored by CYLA. Players, parents, and spectators who do not conduct themselves appropriately will be subject to discipline by the Board, coaches and/or referees. Discipline may include permanently barring the parent/guardian and/or their player(s) from any and all CYLA athletic activities when it is in the judgment of the Board that such action is required.

- a. In most cases, disciplinary action will be progressive and can include:
 - i. A verbal warning;
 - ii. A written warning;
 - iii. Suspension from one or more CYLA activities;
 - iv. Permanent bar of parent/guardian and/or their player(s) from all CYLA athletic activities.

b. The type of disciplinary action imposed is at the discretion of the Board and nothing in this policy is intended to guarantee that the Board must or shall follow all disciplinary steps prior to suspending or barring any parent/guardian and/or their player(s) with or without notice. If progressive discipline is pursued, steps 3.a.i through 3.a.iii may all take place in the same game/event, if warranted.

4. Any parent/guardian, player, or spectator permanently barred from participation in CYLA athletic events due to their failure to adhere to the highest standards of sportsmanship may not reapply for reinstatement for two years