

The overall experience for athletes participating in sports should promote the development of healthy and positive values and attitudes toward themselves, peers, officials, and coaches. The following Team BC Code of Conduct has been developed to aid athletes in achieving a level of behaviour consistent with the athletes becoming well-rounded, self-confident, and productive leaders who best represent the Province of British Columbia in the Sport of Lacrosse.

Athletes have a responsibility to:

- 1) Treat everyone fairly within the context of their activity, regardless of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.
- 2) Consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of lacrosse and of the lacrosse players.
- 3) Refrain from public criticism of fellow athletes, coaches and officials.
- 4) Abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, or any substance that can be “vaped”.
- 5) Abstain from possession or use of any substance prohibited by Federal or Provincial Law.
- 6) Adhere to the guidelines provided by the Canadian Center for Drug-Free Sport and abstain from the use of all Banned substances and methods.
- 7) Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing, derogatory, racist, or otherwise offensive language.
- 8) Refrain from any behaviour that constitutes sexual harassment, where sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome sexual comments and sexual advances, requests for sexual favours, or conduct of a sexual nature.
- 9) Refrain from vandalism and personal misconduct; to abstain from any malicious damage to property or persons.
- 10) Abstain from personal misconduct causing harassment of participants, officials, coaches, or spectators.
- 11) Treat opponents, coaches, and officials with respect, both in victory and defeat.
- 12) Uphold the rules of Lacrosse and the spirit of those rules.

Athletes Must:

- a) Never advocate or condone the use of alcohol, drugs or banned performance enhancing substances or methods.
- b) Abide by all team rules of mandatory attendance at team meetings, practices, and games.

c) Abide by curfew set by coaches or team manager when travelling with team.

d) Never leave the team without express permission of a coach or manager.

Consequences for breaking any team rules or the code of conduct will result in the athlete being immediately temporarily suspended from the Team BC program. The Head Coach, Program Coordinator, and a representative of the BCLA will determine the punishment based on the significance of the violation. Suspension from Team BC can be limited to a particular event, may include an entire season, or involve the program as a whole. Athletes may appeal a suspension using the BCLA Appeal Process, see Appendix A Appeal Process in Operating Policy.

If the violation is egregious, the athlete will be sent home at the parent or guardian's expense. If parents are not able to join their child within 24 hours, the athlete will be sent home as an unaccompanied minor (via air).

There is a zero-tolerance level regarding the breaking of this code.