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Shoreham Wading River Lacrosse players, coaches, spectators, and parents are to conduct themselves in a manner that “Honors the game” and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials and spectators. 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 for this program 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 teams, and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to youth sports in the United States and around the world.

PHILOSOPHY

- Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game, and must be developed both at home and on the field.
- Permitting, encouraging, or condoning performance that is dangerous or demeaning to a player, coach, official, spectator, or anyone connected with the function of the game is unacceptable.
- The emphasis on winning should never be placed above the value of good sportsmanship, or fair play.
- Derogatory comments are unacceptable. Use positive reinforcement with players and adults alike.
- The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.
- Coaches must be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players.
- Coaches should provide basic knowledge of the rules to both players and spectators. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct is considered unacceptable conduct.
- Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, experience, etc. have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote SAFETY.
- Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels.



GRIEVANCES, MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND COMPLAINTS

- If you have a problem or an issue to raise, please speak with your son's coach first. Please make this conversation in private and not on the practice field or during or immediately after the game. Please ask the coach what would be a good time to talk and please communicate with that coach and not through your son. If you do not get a sufficient resolution to your problem please contact the coach liaison or director. At this point, the grievance will be reviewed by the coach liaison and the rules committee.
- Likewise if a coach has an issue of concern with a parent please talk to the parent directly and not through the player.

COACHES PLEDGE

As a Coach, I agree to:

Community Program Teams

- I will give each team member equal playing time and ensure playing time is equally distributed as practical between team members. Every player should be encouraged to play all positions. Playing all positions will make for a better and more well rounded player!
- Grades Kindergarten through 4th grade – Every kid in every position.
- We will encourage as many different kids to try and play the position of Goalie.
- No defensive poles until 6th grade.
- Coaches and players will also abide by age requirements of each division. No players will be allowed to play above their age bracket without rules committee approval and in this event; it will only be allowed to be 1 grade up. No player is allowed to play below their age bracket for any reason.
- Moving up-only 1 grade for community programs as stated above with the exceptions that may be made for a child who has made, through a tryout, an SWR travel team more than 1 grade up)
- Players and/or parents may not request to be on a particular team for any reason. Placement will be at the sole discretion of the rules committee with the best interests of the program and child at heart.

Travel Teams – U-9, U11, U13, U15, & Varsity



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- Travel team rosters are determined by open competitive tryouts.
 - The goal of the travel team is to give each team member some playing time during each game of the season. However, EQUAL PLAYING TIME IS NOT GUARANTEED.
 - The purpose of travel teams is to provide a more competitive environment at a reasonable price.
 - Travel team rosters are determined by open competitive tryouts for SWR community members only.
 - Playing time will be used as a motivational tool and thus equal playing time, although encouraged, is not guaranteed.

Coaches Behavior for Community Programs and Travel

- Set a good example for participants and fans to follow
- Respect officials and their judgments and abide by the rules of the event.
- Treat opposing coaches, players and spectators with respect.
- Coach in a positive manner and will NOT use derogatory comments or abusive language to any player, coach, or spectator.

PARENTS PLEDGE

As a Parent, I agree to:

- Always keep in mind that SWR Lax is a recreational sports program with an emphasis on developing skills and having fun. Although competition is a natural part of sports activities, I will not make winning the primary goal for me or my child.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship. I will treat everyone fairly and will respect the importance and contributions of volunteer coaches.
- Encourage learning and development.
- Emphasize fair play by the rules.
- Let the coach control the game. I will NOT yell instructions to my child from the sidelines or give my child instructions counter to those of the coach.
- Express positive comments and attitudes



- All SWR Lax practice and game facilities are smoke-alcohol-and drug free. Please pick up all trash, park in designated areas, and behave in a manner that demonstrates using the facilities is a privilege.
- For safety and insurance purposes I will be present or have another responsible adult present at practice and/or games in case of emergency, inclement weather or in the case of early termination of a practice or game.

PLAYERS PLEDGE

As a player, I agree to:

- Play the game for the games sake
- Make a concerted effort to attend practice
- Be generous when you win and gracious when you lose.
- Be fair always, no matter what the cost
- Obey the rules
- Work for the good of the team
- Accept the decisions of the officials
- Conduct yourself with honor and dignity
- Honestly and wholeheartedly applaud the efforts of your teammates and opponents.

We require all applicants, team members, family members, and coaches to acknowledge and comply with our lacrosse rules. We reserve the right to deny membership to any applicant and/or to terminate the membership of any participant or coach for violations of this policy.

Director – Tom Rotanz & Rich Erb

Coach Liaison/ Rules Committee Chairperson – Paul Curran

PAL Liaison – Russ Lusak

Tom Rotanz/Gene Gersbeck – Varsity Head Coaches