

SMITHSON VALLEY LACROSSE

CODE OF CONDUCT

Participation in the Smithson Valley Lacrosse Program is a privilege that carries both honors and responsibilities for athletes, parents and coaches. Adherence to the following code of conduct will help to ensure a positive, rewarding experience for all involved.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Smithson Valley Lacrosse Club recognizes and respects that players have school obligations (i.e. FFA, UIL Sports) that may, at times, conflict with SV Lacrosse Club activities. It is expected that a player's parent must contact the head coach ahead of time if he is not able to attend a game or practice due to school obligations.
2. Smithson Valley Lacrosse Club recognizes that our coaches are volunteers. It is expected that Smithson Valley Lacrosse Club players/parents will respect that the family and career obligations of our coaches **may, at times, conflict with SV Lacrosse Club activities**. Absent coaches are to ensure that assistant coaches and team captains are prepared for practice and games in their absence.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To contact Board members or coaches, refer to the Smithson Valley Lacrosse Club website:
<http://www.svlax.net>

ATHLETES

1. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes will display positive moral, academic and leadership qualities.
2. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes will show respect to officials, coaches and teammates on and off the field.
3. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes will abide by all area school district rules concerning personal appearance and grooming, including travel to and from all club related activities.
4. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes will not use obscene or vulgar language, intentionally violate rules, use illegal tactics or resort to displays of ill temper on or off the playing field. **One unsportsmanlike conduct penalty will result in review by the coaching staff and may forfeit that players opportunity for end of season awards including all district all state etc.** Two of these penalties or an ejection from any game will result in suspension from the team and possibly dismissal.
5. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes **will not** openly dispute, argue with, embarrass or challenge the judgment of officials. Discussions with officials concerning the game shall only involve the team head coach or the designated team captain.
6. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes will exhibit sportsman-like conduct at all time: winning with honor and losing graciously.
7. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes will attend all practices and games unless receiving prior permission from the Coaching staff. **One unexcused absence will result in bench status for the next game**, two such absences will require a player, parent, coach meeting to determine commitment to the team. Unexcused means the coach has not received communication from a parent prior to the missed practice session and or the absence was not excused by the coaching staff which was communicated to the player and parent.
8. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes will refrain from using alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs at all times.
9. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes are expected to abide by the district's policy for "No Pass, No Play". It is the athletes' and the parents of the athletes' responsibility to verify eligibility for participation under this guideline and communicate with the head coach if the player is not eligible to play.
10. Playing time is dependent on the following factors: participation, performance, attitude, and skill sets in relation to the opposing team to be played. It is ultimately the sole discretion of the coaching staff to develop the roster which will determine which line each athlete is in for each game.
11. Smithson Valley Lacrosse athletes are expected to practice with 100% effort and display a "team first" positive attitude during all practices and games.

Athletes: Disciplinary action for violations of the Smithson Valley Lacrosse “Code of Conduct” will be in line with the area’s High School “Student Code of Conduct” up to and including diminished playing time and/or dismissal from the team.

Athlete: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENTS

1. Smithson Valley Lacrosse parents will be expected to adhere to the requirements of behavior asked of the athletes.
2. Smithson Valley Lacrosse parents will provide positive support and encouragement for the athletes
3. Smithson Valley Lacrosse parents will display proper sportsmanship to Smithson Valley’s opponents and spectators.
4. Smithson Valley Lacrosse parents will not openly dispute, argue with, embarrass or challenge the judgment of the game officials. Discussions with officials concerning the game shall only involve the team coach or the designate team captain. **Team sidelines will incur penalties for the team on the field if behavior is deemed unacceptable from the officiating crew.**
5. Smithson Valley Lacrosse parents will not openly dispute, argue with, embarrass or challenge the on-field judgment of the coaches. Discussions concerning coaching issues shall only involve the boys’ high school program director.
6. Smithson Valley Lacrosse parents will verify their athlete’s eligibility for participation under the district’s policy for “No Pass, No Play” guideline and communicate with the head coach if the player is not eligible to play.
7. Smithson Valley Lacrosse parents will ensure that their athletes have timely transportation to and from practices and games and in cases of inclement weather. Coaches will not be expected to wait or provide transportation without prior communication.
8. Playing time is dependent on the following factors: participation, performance, attitude, and skill sets in relation to the opposing team to be played. It is ultimately the sole discretion of the coaching staff to develop the roster which will determine which line each athlete is in for each game. If playing time is questioned, players need to come to the coaches first. If further action is needed, then parents can take their concerns to the Smithson Valley Lacrosse Board president.

Parents: Failure to comply with the Smithson Valley Lacrosse “Code of Conduct” can result in one, if not all, of the following: ejection of parent and athlete from the field, being banned from games, or your child being removed from the program.

Parent(s): _____

Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

COACHES

1. Smithson Valley Lacrosse coaches will be expected to adhere to the requirements of behavior asked of the athletes.
2. Smithson Valley Lacrosse coaches will strive to be proficient and knowledgeable in all aspects of the game of lacrosse in order to provide proper and skillful instruction to their athletes.
3. Smithson Valley Lacrosse coaches will not openly dispute, argue with or embarrass a Smithson Valley athlete and are expected to enact consistent, non-partial disciplinary action towards any athlete not abiding by the athlete's "Code of Conduct."
4. Smithson Valley Lacrosse coaches will not openly dispute, argue with, embarrass or challenge the judgment of officials. Discussions with officials concerning the game shall only involve the team head coach or the designated team captain.
5. Smithson Valley Lacrosse coaches will ensure that their ability to perform their duties are not impaired from using alcohol, tobacco or prescription drugs in the presence of Smithson Valley athletes and shall refrain from using illegal drugs.
6. Smithson Valley Coaches will consistently enforce the Player's Code of Conduct with disciplinary actions up to and including diminished playing time or dismissal from games or program.

Coach: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____