

MYA Membership, Lacrosse Agreement & Code of Conduct Policy

MYA Membership:

1. The Participant is a full-time resident of the town of Merrimack.
2. The Participant has attained the minimum age six (6) years or the required Program Age Eligibility. No participant shall be older than eighteen (18) years of age, unless they are a high school senior and will turn 19 during their senior year.
3. All Secondary insurance is handled on a per Program basis and is included in the Program fees at the time of the registration for that Program. A deductible on claims for injuries may vary from Program to Program. The Participant will be taken to the nearest medical facility for treatment unless the parent (or other family member) is present and personally takes the Participant to another facility.
4. No MYA Director, Officer, Manager, Coach, Official, or Volunteer shall be held liable for any injuries sustained to any Participant in any MYA activity.
5. In the event the Participant is issued a uniform or equipment, I, the Parent or Legal Guardian, accepts full responsibility for maintaining its condition and upon completion of the season will return it promptly. Also, I understand that I will be liable for the cost to replace any damaged or lost uniforms or equipment.
6. I understand that a failure to return or replace equipment or uniform will prohibit me from registering in any future MYA activities or sports.
7. There will be no consumption, use, or display of any alcoholic beverage at any MYA sponsored functions whatsoever.

MYA Lacrosse Agreement:

1. I am fully aware of and appreciate the risks, including the risk of catastrophic injury, paralysis and even death, as well as other damages and losses, associated with participation in a sports event. I further agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, and personal representatives, that MYA Lacrosse, the host organization, and sponsors of any MYA Lacrosse recognized or sanctioned event, along with coaches, officials, referees, umpires, volunteers, employees, agents, officers and directors of these organizations, shall not be liable for any injury, loss of life or other loss or damage occurring as a result of my participation in any such US Lacrosse recognized or sanctioned event.
2. Medical Attention: I hereby give my consent to MYA-Lacrosse and the host organization of any MYA Lacrosse recognized or sanctioned event to provide, through a medical staff of its choice, customary medical/athletic training attention, transportation and emergency medical services as warranted in the course of my participation in MYA Lacrosse recognized or sanctioned events. Notwithstanding the foregoing, I understand and agree that neither MYA-Lacrosse nor the host organization has any obligation to provide any such medical/athletic training attention and both the lack of any such medical/athletic training attention and the provision thereof on a voluntary basis by US Lacrosse and/or the host organization is and shall be covered by the release set forth in Paragraph 1 above.
3. Readiness to Compete: I will only participate in those US Lacrosse competitions or activities in which I believe I am physically and psychologically prepared to participate.
4. I understand and agree to adhere to all terms of the US Lacrosse (<http://www.lacrosse.org/info/codefull.phtml>), NHYLA (<http://www.sportsmanager.us/OrgManager/NHYLA.htm>) and MYA Lacrosse Codes of Conduct.

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MYA Lacrosse Code of Conduct:

In an effort to continue the healthy growth of the great game of lacrosse in Merrimack NH, MYA Lacrosse has set forth the following Codes of Conduct for all involved in the youth game to abide by. Players, parents, coaches, officials and spectators shall strive at all times to "Honor the Game" of Lacrosse. Conduct that honors the game is defined as an uncompromising respect for rules, opponents, officials, teammates and tradition at all times.

The mission of the MYA Lacrosse organization is to promote the game of lacrosse among the youth of Merrimack NH, in a safe and sportsmanlike environment. Striving to meet this end, MYA Lacrosse is in support of the US Lacrosse (USL) Youth Council and their efforts to "Honor the Game" by preserving it for the players, coaches, officials, parents, and all others who enjoy the sport of lacrosse. To fulfill this mission and preserve the "Honor of The Game," the Youth Council expects that players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators abide by a Code of Conduct that embodies basic common sense principles, demonstrates consideration of others and projects a positive image to our young men and women. By doing this, USL its Youth Council and MYA Lacrosse can further its efforts to maintain the highest possible standards of sportsmanship and continue working together for the betterment of the game of lacrosse at all levels. To gain a better understanding of the origins of the Youth Council's Code of Conduct, it is strongly recommended that all participants read "The Parents Guide to the sport of Lacrosse"

(<http://www.uslacrosse.org/education/parentsguide.phtml> published & distributed by US Lacrosse). These policies and standards are adopted from the US Lacrosse Code of Conduct, available at <http://www.lacrosse.org/info/codefull.phtml>.

Player Code of Conduct

As a youth lacrosse player in Merrimack NH, you are to understand that a high level of sportsmanship is expected from you at all times. You are expected to treat your coaches, fellow teammates, officials, opposing team players and coaches with respect and dignity. You are expected to come to your practices and games on time ready to play and work hard to improve your individual and team skills. Understand that unsportsmanlike misconduct such as taunting, use of foul & abusive language, fighting, flagrant unnecessary roughness or disrespect is considered grounds for ejection from a game or practice. Two repeated offenses will result in suspension from play in your next scheduled game. Three offenses will result in your expulsion from the MYA Lacrosse program for the rest of the year and all fees will be forfeited. It should be considered an honor to play the great game of lacrosse.

Coach's Code of Conduct

As a youth lacrosse coach, you are the leading representatives of MYA Lacrosse in Merrimack NH. You are to understand that a high level of sportsmanship is expected from you at all times. You are expected to treat your fellow coaches, players, volunteers, officials and opposing team coaches and players with respect and dignity. You are expected to come to your practices and games on time ready to coach, ready to improve your players' individual skills, teamwork skills and ready to make your time with your team enjoyable for all. You are expected to give your players positive reinforcement and an ample amount of playing time. You are expected to have a thorough understanding of the rules as they pertain to the youth game. Understand that unsportsmanlike misconduct such as taunting, use of foul & abusive language or fighting is grounds for ejection from a game or practice and you will be asked to remove yourself from the area. Two repeated offenses will result in suspension from participation in your next scheduled event. Three offenses will result in your expulsion from the MYA Lacrosse program for the rest of the year. Your future abilities to coach within the MYA Organization will be left to the sole decision of the MYA Executive Board and the MYA Lacrosse Board. It should be considered an honor to coach the great game of lacrosse.

Parent / Spectator Code of Conduct

As a youth lacrosse parent/spectator in Merrimack NH, you are to understand that a high level of sportsmanship is expected from you at all times. You are expected to treat the coaches, your child, their teammates, officials, opposing team players and coaches with respect and dignity. During practices and games, you will be asked to watch the action away from the players' benches and on the other side of the field. If you are a vocal parent, cheer for all good plays made by either team. Understand that unsportsmanlike misconduct such as taunting, use of foul & abusive language or fighting is grounds for ejection from a game or practice and you will be asked to remove yourself from the area. Two repeated offenses will result in suspension from the field of play in your next scheduled event. Three offenses will result in your expulsion from watching MYA Lacrosse games for the rest of the year. It should be considered an honor to be a part of the great game of lacrosse.

Official's Code of Conduct

As a youth lacrosse official in Merrimack NH, you are to understand that a high level of sportsmanship is expected from you. You are expected to treat coaches, players, spectators and officials with respect and dignity. You will be expected maintain control of the game by demonstrating your authority combined with consistent judgment, a thorough understanding of the rules as they pertain to the youth game and maintaining optimum field position. It should be considered an honor to officiate the great game of lacrosse.