



# Welland Raiders Minor Lacrosse Association

## Parent's Code of Conduct

The mission of the WRMLA is to teach children to play lacrosse with skill, integrity, sportsmanship and to enjoy the game. The primary concern is to develop the values of discipline, hard work, team commitment, promote fair and sportsmanlike competition.

As a parent in the WRMLA, I will . . .

- Not force an unwilling child to participate in the sport
- Remember that children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment, not mine
- Encourage my child to always play by the set rules
- Teach my child that an honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of the game is accepted without undue disappointment
- Turn defeat into victory by helping my child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship
- Ensure that my child makes every effort to attend practices and games on time and I understand that unexcused absences show a lack of commitment and responsibility.
- Never ridicule or yell at my child or other children for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Never publicly question the officials' judgement and never their honesty
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities. Remember that children learn best by example.
- Recognize the value and importance of volunteer coaches as they give their time and resources to provide recreational activities for my child
- Set an example by supporting and respecting my child's coach. When problems arise I will direct any comments or suggestions to my child's Parent Representative and I will wait at least 24 hours after a game or practice before doing so.
- Learn the Player's Code of Conduct and take advantage of every opportunity to reinforce this Code with my child
- Understand the conduct expected of me as a parent of a WRMLA player.

My failure to conduct myself in accordance with this Parent's Code of Conduct may result in my expulsion from games or practices and also may result in the removal of my child from his/her team.

**"LOVE THE GAME ABOVE THE PRIZE"**