



PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT – YOUTH LACROSSE

I hereby pledge to live up to my responsibility as a parent of **(Childs Name)** _____ participating in the York Parks and Recreation Youth Lacrosse Program. I will follow the Parents Code of Conduct listed below:

- 1.** I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the children above any desire to win. I will help my child understand the valuable lessons sports can teach.
- 2.** I will be a role model of good sportsmanship and character. I will help my child meet his/her responsibilities to the coach and the team.
- 3.** I will do my best to make sure that the game is fun for all the participants.
- 4.** I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all participants, coaches, parents, officials, recreation staff, and the public. I will treat them all with respect.
- 5.** I will refrain from use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and inappropriate language at all program functions.
- 6.** I will only make positive and encouraging comments to players, fans, and coaches from both teams. I will not interfere or coach from the stands.
- 7.** I will strive to create a positive recreational experience for everyone involved in the program.
- 8.** I will remember that I am a Youth Lacrosse parent and will remember the game is for children and not adults. Accordingly, I will encourage my child to play by providing a supportive atmosphere without pressure.
- 9.** I will abide by any and all Recreation Department and Maine Youth Lacrosse League rules and regulations and rulings.
- 10.** I will remember to be a good sport at all times, win or lose.

VIOLATION/CORRECTIVE ACTION

Parents who do not follow the Code of Conduct will be subject to corrective action. It is the philosophy York Parks & Recreation Department that parents should not spoil the experience of participation in youth sports for the children.

The following guidelines have been established for addressing problems with parents/spectators. Note: These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Severe situations could warrant harsher sanctions.

1. Verbal Warning: League administrator/coach will discuss conduct with parents and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated. Coach will document the conversation and submit it to Recreation Coordinator.

2. Written Warning: Recreation Coordinator, League Administrator, coach, or official will notify the York Parks and Recreation Department of continued breach of Code of Conduct and the department will arrange a meeting with the parent. A formal letter of reprimand will be given to the parent stating that the next offense could lead to a suspension or ban.

3. Game Suspension: Letter will be drafted by Recreation Coordinator explaining that the parent will be banned from attending the teams next game.

4. Season Suspension: The parent will be banned from attending any future games. The parents will remain on suspension until a formal request for re-instatement is made. The York Parks & Recreation Director and Recreation Coordinator will review the re-instatement request and determine if the suspension will be lifted.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____