



**Ground Control Lacrosse Club  
Coaches' Code of Conduct**

**The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest principle of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”**

**I therefore AGREE:**

As a Ground Control Lacrosse Club Coach, I will:

1. Consider it an honor and a privilege to coach the young people of our community.
2. Keep in mind at all times that I am a youth lacrosse coach and that the club experience is for the children not for the adults.
3. Use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for my players, increase their self-esteem and foster in them a true sense of enjoyment of the sport of lacrosse.
4. Treat officials with respect and dignity, and instruct my players and their parents to do the same.
5. Treat opposing coaches and opposing players with respect and dignity and encourage my players and my players' parents to do the same.
6. Model grace, dignity and composure regardless of the outcome of the game.
7. Teach the principles of fair play and sportsmanship to my players and model these principles for them at all times.
8. Strive to teach the rules and the aspects of the game to my players and their parents as best I can.
9. Encourage safe play at all times and report any unsafe playing conditions to the proper authority as soon as I am able.
10. Refrain from all manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual.
11. Refrain from using any illegal substances or tobacco products, or imbibing alcohol in the presence of my players or on school or park property.
12. Report any conduct that violates this code or adversely affects the positive, kid-friendly environment of the Ground Control Lacrosse Club.