

CHILL MANAGER TRAINING

Youth Lacrosse of Minnesota
Sportsmanship Program

What does CHILL Stand For?

CHILL stands for:

Cool

Heads

Instill

Life

Lessons

What is a CHILL Manager?

- According to USLacrosse, each youth team is required to have a Sideline Manager. A CHILL Manager is YLM's variation of that requirement.
- A CHILL Manager is a team parent who is responsible for monitoring and enforcing USLacrosse's and YLM's sportsmanship directives.

What Does a CHILL Manager Do?

- *Prior to the season/games:*
 - Understand that ROOTS means showing Respect for Officials, Others, Teammates, and Self
 - Meet with your team parents to emphasize USL/YLM's sportsmanship directive of ROOTS
 - Print out USL's Sportsmanship Card from www.uslacrosse.org

What Does a CHILL Manager Do?

- *On game days:*
 - The CHILL Managers will meet at the scorer's table prior to game time
 - The CHILL Managers from both teams will meet each other, meet the corresponding coaches, and meet the officials
 - The CHILL Managers will remain visible to the officials during the game
 - DO NOT wait to be summoned. Go to the table when you arrive at the field.

What Does a CHILL Manager Do?

- During games:
 - Be available to the officials if they need to speak with you about sideline behavior
 - Be willing to politely ask parents/fans to act respectfully toward the officials, the other team's coaches, and the players.
 - Be willing to speak with officials at half time about unmanageable sideline issues.
 - Be willing to take measures to control unruly fans.

What Does a CHILL Manager Do?

- *After the game:*
 - Report the score of the game to www.youthlaxmn.org (unless the coach is willing to do that)
 - Report any significant issues or incidents of unsportsmanlike conduct by players, coaches, or fans to www.youthlaxmn.org. There is an Incident Report form on the left-hand menu.

EXAMPLES

- *Scenario 1:*

Parents from your team are yelling at the officials for making “bad” calls. You should stand near those parents and, if necessary, ask them to quiet down. You can remind them that the coaches are the only ones who can speak to the officials during the game and that your team can be penalized for unruly sideline behavior. No need to report this to YLM.

EXAMPLES

- *Scenario 2:*

Parents from the other team are getting angry and are yelling at the team and/or the officials. Meet with the other team's CHILL manager and make a plan about how to best handle those parents. If necessary, go with the other CHILL manager to ask the parents to stop yelling so the kids can play. No need to report this to YLM.

EXAMPLES

- *Scenario 3:*

A fight breaks out between players on the field. Parents get involved by yelling at each other, the officials, and the players. You should get their attention by whatever means necessary and tell them to stop. If asked, confer with the officials about stopping the game. **Report this to YLM.**

EXAMPLES

- *Scenario 4:*

Coaches from your team or the other team are yelling obscenities or are coaching for illegal/unsafe play. If it's your team, ask your coach to stop. If it's the other team, ask the other CHILL manager to ask his/her coach to stop. **Report this to YLM.**

Incident Reporting

- Certain situations *must* be reported to YLM for follow-up:
 - A fight between players on or off the field
 - A fight that involves any adults
 - Out-of-control coach behavior
 - Out-of-control officials behavior
 - Any game that's cancelled or stopped because of unsportsmanlike behavior

Incident Reporting

- Certain situations *may* be reported to YLM:
 - High-tension relations between coaches or players.
 - Coaching that seems to be unsafe (i.e. coaching kids to perform illegal body checks)
 - Exceptionally poor officiating

Incident Reporting

- *What to report:*
 1. The NAMES and TEAMS of all people involved.
 2. This includes coaches, players (or their numbers, if known), AND officials
 3. The date/time/location of the game
 4. Any other pertinent information – overheard conversation, actions, etc.

Incident Reporting

- *When to report:*
 - Immediately after game, online (certainly, no later than the next day)
 - If necessary, immediately by telephone to a YLM board member with a follow-up report online.

Why Do This??

- Lacrosse is a sport unlike other youth sports. It's based on Native American tenets of pride, gamesmanship, and respect.
- To keep lacrosse a safe, fun sport for our kids, we need to be continually aware of and promoting good sportsmanship.
- Friendly, well-played games are more enjoyable for everyone, especially our kids.

More Information

- For more information about good sportsmanship, please go to:

www.uslacrosse.org

<http://www.positivecoach.org/>

Feel free to email or call a YLM board member if you have any questions. Emails can be found at:

www.youthlaxmn.org

Thank YOU!

- Thank you for your willingness to be a CHILL Manager. YOU are an integral part of the sport of youth lacrosse in Minnesota. Your kids will appreciate your efforts!
- After this presentation, please go to www.youthlaxmn.org and register yourself as a CHILL Manager for your team.