

# Lake County Stallions

## Code of Conduct

This document presents the expectations for conduct from athletes and parents/guardians participating in sports with Lake County Stallions. We hold athletes, parents, coaches, and community members to a high standard of sportsmanship. Enforcing this Code of Conduct allows Lake County Stallions to promote a safe, rewarding, and fun sports experience for our entire community.

Please read the document carefully. Each participant and parent/guardian is required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct before the season begins, and must abide by the Code of Conduct throughout the entire season.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action including suspension - either temporarily or permanently as determined by the Board of Directors.

### Athlete

- I will learn the rules of the game and play by them and show good sportsmanship to all coaches, officials, opponents, and fans at every game and practice.
- I will treat everyone, including coaches, parents, players and officials with respect regardless of race, creed, color, nationality, sexual orientation or gender.
- I will learn the value of commitment by attending practices and games; arriving on time ready to dedicate my attention to my coaches.
- I will encourage my teammates and praise good efforts.
- I will work hard to improve my skills and, when needed, I will put personal goals aside for the betterment of the team.
- I will not engage in rude, abusive or violent behavior on or off the field.
- I understand my rights to play in an environment free from harassment and/or abuse in any form and will report any such incidents immediately.

### Parents/Guardian

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice and special events.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. **NO yelling at the officials!!!!!!!!!!**
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will not engage in any violence or verbal threats or use any profanity.
- I will remember that the game is for youth - not adults.
- I will do my very best to make this experience fun for my child.
- I will treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, ability or **bad calls**.
- At games, I agree to stay in designated areas for spectators to allow coaches and players to concentrate on the game.

## POLICY AGAINST HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING

We ask that all families review this Lake County Stallions Policy against Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying with their children. Together we can ensure that all of our children and LCS participants have a better understanding of the issue and can help make all LCS programs enjoyable for everyone.

Lake County Stallions prohibits and will not tolerate acts of harassment, intimidation and bullying (including cyber-bullying). "Harassment, intimidation or bullying" means any gesture, any written, verbal or physical act, or any electronic communication, whether it be a single incident or a series of incidents that:

1. Is reasonably perceived as being motivated by either any actual or perceived characteristic, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or a mental, physical or sensory disability; or
2. By any other distinguishing characteristic; and that
3. Takes place in relation to any program function or team; and that
4. A reasonable person should know, under the circumstances, will have the effect of physically or emotionally harming a player or damaging the player's property, or placing a player in reasonable fear of physical or emotional harm to his/her person or damage to his/her property; or
5. Has the effect of insulting or demeaning any player or group of players; creates a hostile environment for the player by interfering with a player's participation or by severely or pervasively causing physical or emotional harm to the player.

Lake County Stallions enforces a **Zero-Tolerance** policy for instances of harassment, intimidation and bullying and will result in permanent suspension from all sports with the Lake County Stallions.

I/We understand that violations of this Code of Conduct will be subject to disciplinary action that could include one or more, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by Head Coach and/or Lake County Stallions Board
- Written Warning
- Athlete and/or Parental/Guardian Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by Lake County Stallions Board of Directors.
- Athlete and/or Parental/Guardian Season suspension
- Permanent suspension from participation with the Lake County Stallions.

By signing below, the Athlete and Parent/Guardian agree to abide by and be subject to this Code of Conduct.

Athlete Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_