

**THIS FORM IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE BUFFALO LACROSSE
ACADEMY (BLA) SPONSORED TOURNAMENTS**

Please read and complete the following form for EACH participant on your team.

Participant Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Email Address: _____

Health Insurance Number: _____ Policy Number: _____

AGREEMENT: In consideration of my participation in the sponsored activities of Buffalo Lacrosse Academy, I acknowledge, agree to and understand that:

1. **WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY:** I am fully aware of and appreciate the risks, including the risk of catastrophic injury, paralysis and even death, as well as other damages and losses, associated with participation in a lacrosse event. I further agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, and personal representatives, that US Lacrosse, the host organization, and sponsors of any US Lacrosse sanctioned event, along with the coaches, volunteers, employees, agents, officers and directors of these organizations, shall not be liable for any injury, loss of life or other loss or damage occurring as a result of my participation in the event.
2. **MEDICAL ATTENTION:** I hereby give my consent to US Lacrosse and the host organization of any US Lacrosse sanctioned event to provide, through a medical staff of its choice, customary medical/athletic training attention, transportation and emergency medical services as warranted in the course of my participation in US Lacrosse sanctioned events.
3. **READINESS TO COMPETE:** I will only participate in those US Lacrosse competitions for which I believe I am physically and psychologically prepared to compete.
4. **PHOTOGRAPH AND VIDEO CONSENT:** I hereby give my permission to Buffalo Lacrosse Academy to use photographs or videotapes of my child for public relations or other purposes consistent with the purpose and mission of Buffalo Lacrosse Academy. I further agree that said materials shall become the property of Buffalo Lacrosse Academy, and I hereby release and discharge Buffalo Lacrosse Academy and its representatives from any and all claims that may arise by reason of taking said photographs or pictures.
5. In accordance with NCAA bylaws, I hereby acknowledge that I have paid in full to be a participant in the Buffalo Lacrosse Academy tournament I am attending. I also acknowledge that I have not received any discount to be a participant from any of the organizing and sponsoring groups (including Canisius College, Medaille College and Franklin and Marshall College in the case of the FallBrawl Tournament).
6. **CODE OF CONDUCT:** I have read and agree to all terms in the US Lacrosse Code of Conduct, especially with regard to my responsibilities as a player.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

FALLBRAWL TOURNAMENT and US LACROSSE CODE OF CONDUCT

US LACROSSE AND THE POSITIVE COACHING ALLIANCE

Lacrosse is the oldest American Sport. Native Americans played lacrosse centuries ago long before our colonies were settled. Through lacrosse, Native Americans celebrated and emphasized their spiritual and cultural values. In an effort to promote appropriate values in the modern game, US Lacrosse has partnered with the Positive Coaching Alliance to promote positive coaching and good sportsmanship at all levels of the lacrosse. US Lacrosse has included the following "Lacrosse Code of Conduct" as part of its membership application to encourage and foster appropriate values in players, coaches, parents, officials and spectators. US Lacrosse believes that it should be a priority of every lacrosse player, team, program and league to "Honor the Game".

USLACROSSE CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators are to conduct themselves in a manner that "Honors the Game" and demonstrates respect to other players, coaches, officials, parents and spectators fans. In becoming a member of the lacrosse community an individual assumes certain obligations and responsibilities to the game of lacrosse and its participants. The essential elements in this "Code of Conduct" are HONESTY and INTEGRITY. Those who conduct themselves in a manner that reflects these elements will bring credit to the sport of lacrosse, themselves, their team and their organization. It is only through such conduct that our sport can continue to earn and maintain a positive image and make its full contribution to amateur sports in the United States and around the world. US Lacrosse supports the following behaviors for those who participate in the sport or are involved in any way with US Lacrosse. The following essential elements of the "Code of Conduct" must be followed:

Sportsmanship and teaching the concepts of fair play are essential to the game and must be taught at all levels and developed both at home and on the field during practices and games.

The value of good sportsmanship, the concepts of fair play, and the skills of the game should always be placed above winning.

The safety and welfare of the players are of primary importance.

Coaches must always be aware of the tremendous influence they have on their players. They are to strive to be positive role models in dealing with young people, as well as adults.

Coaches should always demonstrate positive behaviors and reinforce them to players, parents, officials and spectators alike. Players should be specifically encourage and positively reinforced by coaches to demonstrate respect for teammates, opponents, officials and spectators.

Coaches, players, parents and spectators are expected to demonstrate the utmost respect for officials and reinforce that respect to players/teammates. Coaches are also expected to educate their players as to the important role of lacrosse officials and reinforce the ideal of respect for the official to players/teammates.

Grievances or misunderstandings between coaches, officials or any other parties involved with the sport should be communicated through the proper channels and procedures, never on or about the field of play in view of spectators or participants.

Officials are professionals and are therefore expected to conduct themselves as such and in a manner that demonstrates total impartiality, courtesy and fairness to all parties.

Spectators involved with the game must never permit anyone to openly or maliciously criticize, badge, harass or threaten an official, coach, player or opponent.

Coaches must be able to demonstrate a solid knowledge of the rules of lacrosse, and should adhere to the rules in both the letter and the spirit of the game.

Coaches should provide a basic knowledge of the rules to both players and spectators within his/her program. Attempts to manipulate rules in an effort to take unfair advantage of an opponent, or to teach deliberate unsportsmanlike conduct, is considered unacceptable conduct.

Eligibility requirements, at all levels of the game, must be followed. Rules and requirements such as age, previous level of participation, team transfers, etc, have been established to encourage and maximize participation, fair play and to promote safety.