



# Palo Verde Lacrosse Club

## 2011- 2012

### Player Rights and Responsibilities



The mission of the Palo Verde Lacrosse Club is to provide a lacrosse experience that is fun, safe, and educational, and promotes skill, physical fitness and character development. Palo Verde Lacrosse Club promotes a "dual goal" coaching philosophy: winning is important, teaching life lessons is more important.

To facilitate this mission, the following are player's rights and responsibilities, which have been approved by the PVLC Board of Directors.

1. All players shall have the right to participate in every practice and game provided they comply with the following rights and responsibilities. Before a player is restricted due to disciplinary action, this shall be communicated to both player and parent prior to the event.
2. Participation requires players be fully equipped with protective gear: helmet, shoulder pads, arm pads, gloves, athletic supporter/cup and mouth-guard. Games also require team issue uniform (jersey and black shorts for Middle School players). Players will not be allowed to practice or participate in games without mouth-guard or cup.
3. Failure to exhibit good sportsmanship, character (i.e., foul language) and respect (to rules, opponents, officials, teammates, property) shall result in restricted playing time as deemed appropriate by the coaching staff. The severity of the punishment shall be proportional to the infraction and will be communicated to the player and parent when issued. Injuries may also limit/restrict playing time. Taunting/"trash talking" to the other team or yelling at the referees is unsportsmanlike, contrary to our mission and will not be tolerated by players, coaches or parents.
4. Players may be excluded from a game if they do not attend the practice immediately prior to a game.
5. Parents wishing to restrict players from practice or games for family disciplinary, or other reasons are asked to notify the coaching staff. Obviously we will comply with all parental wishes but for logistical reasons we would like to know who is or is not going to be present or available to participate. Alternative line-ups (ie man-up, man-down) must be known beforehand and prepared for in fairness to the team.
6. New players are encouraged to join throughout the season, but will not be allowed to participate in games until they have attended 10 team practices.
7. Parents and players are requested to address personal issues with coaches in person directly before and after practice sessions or via telephone or e-mail, but NOT immediately following a game. This "cooling off" period will insure that the excitement of the moment will not jeopardize the enjoyment of the experience. After all, mistakes are part of the game for players, coaches and referees.
8. Players are deemed ineligible for one (1) game following a school R.P.C. (required parent conference), or indefinitely until their grade point average is 2.0 or better. These are Clark County School District academic eligibility requirements that the LVLL requires parents to "self-report". Since we are not a school function, we will rely on the honor system for parents to report and enforce.

I acknowledge that I have read the rights, responsibilities and rules above and agree to comply.

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Player's Signature                      date

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Parent's Signature                      date