

Appendix 16: Officials' Code of Conduct

As an Official in the sport of lacrosse, I have a unique and important role to play. My conduct can impact not only the play of an individual game but in promoting the respect and growth of the game itself. I accept the responsibilities of this role and will strive to fulfil them guided by this Code of Conduct:

1. I will represent World Lacrosse in a professional manner at all times. I will ensure that my behavior, both on and off the field adheres to the principles of professionalism and is in observance of all World Lacrosse policies and procedures or as further directed by the Officials' Chair or equivalent of a World Lacrosse endorsed event.
2. I will not use illegal and non-doctor prescribed prescription drugs while participating in any World Lacrosse Championship, to include smoking or use of alcohol while wearing the World Lacrosse prescribed Officials' uniform.
3. I will make a personal commitment to keep myself informed of accepted officiating principles, which includes having a sound understanding of the rules of the game, their applications, and current interpretations, including the mechanics in such documents as the World Lacrosse Officials' Manual.
4. To the best of my ability, I will enforce the rules of the game as codified in the current World Lacrosse rulebook and in such documents as the World Lacrosse Officials' Manual. I will do so by frequently studying the rulebook, officiating frequently, attending clinics/courses, taking the rules test, and participating in other professional growth activities to upgrade my officiating skills.
5. I will ensure I maintain a level of fitness commensurate with the level of lacrosse at which I officiate. I agree to take the World Lacrosse prescribed fitness test if requested as a condition to officiating at a World Lacrosse endorsed event.
6. I will strive to be consistent, objective and under control in the administration of each contest in which I participate. I will be available for discussion with the captains and coaches at appropriate times during a contest, and in accordance with the rules of the sport and World Lacrosse policies.
7. I will help in the education of the sport. Officials can help players, coaches and spectators learn the sport by ensuring rule infractions are understood and appropriately penalized, thus encouraging fair play.
8. I will remain open to advancing my skills by participating in evaluation, discussion, and review with Technical Directors, Assessors, and my Peers. I will listen to and respect differing points of view. I will strive for impartiality throughout the event and limit social interaction with any players, team personnel, or spectators.
9. I will not accept a gift from a competing team except during a sanctioned gift exchange. Club clothing or clothing representing a previous tournament, e.g., "World Lacrosse, Sheffield 2017", is acceptable.
10. I will agree to correctly wear the official uniform as prescribed by the World Lacrosse. Officials will not wear any clothing or hats that connect them with their home country or any other competing country while at or travelling to or from the fields.
11. During World Lacrosse championships I will refrain from discussing in public or through the media, games I have officiated, and decisions made by other officials during their games. I will reserve such reviews for private discussion with other game officials.

12. I will treat all participants with courtesy and respect. I will not tolerate discourteous and inappropriate behavior towards any participant, including officials, spectators, or championship staff in any contest in which I am officiating. I will act in accordance with the rules of the sport or World Lacrosse policies when appropriate.
13. Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action. Such action may result in the member losing the privilege which comes with membership in World Lacrosse, including the opportunity to participate in World Lacrosse activities and events, both present and future.
14. I agree to abide by and observe the World Lacrosse Bylaws and regulations, including those related to Anti-Doping Control, and the decisions of the World Lacrosse and Championship Organization in all matters including disciplinary measures, not to involve any third party whatsoever outside of World Lacrosse in resolution of any dispute whatsoever arising in connection with the Championship and /or Bylaws and decisions made by World Lacrosse relation thereto excepting having exhausted the appeal procedures within World Lacrosse in which case I undertake to submit any such dispute to the jurisdiction of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne, Switzerland, for definitive and final resolution.

My signature below indicates that I have read and will fulfil this Code of Conduct as a World Lacrosse Official.

Official's Signature: _____

Official's Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

World Event: _____