



# Teton Valley Youth Lacrosse Association

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## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

TVYLA coaching expectations align with guidance and best practices established by USA Lacrosse, including principles related to athlete safety, positive coaching behavior, appropriate supervision, and concussion management. Coaches are expected to follow all applicable USA Lacrosse requirements, including current membership, background screening, SafeSport training, and any additional education required for their role.

All TVYLA coaches are required to review and follow the expectations below. These standards exist to protect our athletes, coaches, and the integrity of the program.

### **Coach Conduct & Role**

Coaches must model sportsmanship, respect, and positive behavior at all times and represent TVYLA appropriately on and off the field. Profanity, harassment, discrimination, or unsportsmanlike conduct is not permitted.

### **Player Safety**

Player safety takes priority over competition or playing time. Injured or suspected-injured athletes must be removed immediately. Safety protocols may not be overridden.

### **Concussion & Injury Protocol**

Any athlete suspected of a concussion must be removed from play and may not return without proper medical clearance. Coaches may not diagnose injuries and must communicate injuries promptly to parents/guardians.

### **Supervision & Safe Environment**

Coaches must maintain appropriate supervision at all practices and games. One-on-one situations should be avoided. Physical contact must be appropriate, instructional, and respectful.

### **Weather & Field Safety**

Coaches must follow TVYLA weather and field safety policies. When in doubt, err on the side of caution.



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## Communication Expectations

All communication with families must be professional and respectful. LeagueApps is the required platform for team communication. Concerns should be escalated to the Program Director.

## Playing Time Philosophy

TVYLA emphasizes development and age-appropriate instruction. Playing time expectations vary by age group. Coaches may not promise playing time or positions.

### Playing Time Philosophy by Age Group:

- **K–2:** 100% Fun (Retention-focused, equal play)
- **3–4:** 90% Fun / 10% Competitive (Retention-focused, equal play)
- **5–6:** 50% Fun / 50% Competitive
- **7–8:** 30% Fun / 70% Competitive
- **High School:** 10% Fun / 90% Competitive

## Sideline & Game Conduct

Coaches are responsible for bench behavior and must treat officials with respect. Unsportsmanlike conduct must be addressed.

## Social Media & Public Representation

Coaches may not post negative or critical content about players, officials, or teams. Player privacy must be respected. Coaches may not speak on behalf of TVYLA without authorization.

## Reporting & Accountability

Coaches must report safety concerns or violations. Failure to follow this Code may result in disciplinary action, up to removal from coaching duties.