



## **LAKE ZURICH MAULERS YOUTH RUGBY CLUB** **PLAYERS AND PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Parents Code of Conduct**

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in Lake Zurich Maulers.
- I will refrain from yelling instructions or coaching from the sidelines in any practice or game. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will positively encourage my child to practice good sportsmanship and respect all opponents as well as listen to all coaches and officials.
- I will treat all players on all teams, coaches, and officials with dignity and respect at all times. I will refrain from making negative comments before, after, or during any practice or game. I will do my best to create a positive environment and an enjoyable experience for everyone involved with practices and games.
- I will communicate any concerns or issues directly with the head coach, coordinator, or level liaison to ensure an open and honest environment.
- I will ensure that my child is properly equipped, nourished, and hydrated for all practices and games. I will provide them transportation to all team events and ensure they are on time and ready to participate.
- I will help my child enjoy their experience by being a respectful fan and assisting his/her team when appropriate.

### **Terms & Conditions**

1. Registration payments must be made through the USA Rugby's designated digital platform (currently Rugby Xplorer). All other contributions/donations can be made in person to any Lake Zurich Maulers Board Member or committee member via personal check if desired, or through the Maulers' Zelle account.
2. The parent/guardian assumes responsibility for all equipment distributed to the minor and that this equipment will be returned to the Maulers in original clean and undamaged condition and that the parent/guardian will reimburse the Maulers for all damaged, lost, or dirty equipment.
3. Parent/guardian understands that the playing time of the Participant will be at the discretion of the Maulers and the head coach of the team of which the Participant is on.
4. REFUNDS ARE IN CONJUNCTION WITH RUGBY ILLINOIS AND USA RUGBY GUIDELINES AND ARE AS FOLLOWS:
  - You **ARE** eligible for a refund if: The request is within 7 days of the transaction and you have NOT played in any match (scrimmage, friendly, competitive, tournament etc.)
  - You are **NOT** eligible for a refund if: You have played in any match, tournament, or organized play or the transaction date is more than 7 days ago



- By refunding/cancelling your membership, you understand that: You are NOT eligible to utilize USA Rugby's Accident Insurance Policy, you are NOT eligible to practice, compete or participate in USA Rugby activities and you are being refunded **only** the USA Rugby membership fees, NOT any regional fees, nor processing fees. Regional fees will need to be refunded from the region/union/SRO directly.

**Waiver and Photo Release:** I understand that my minor child/ward has been registered for participation in the Lake Zurich Maulers program ("program"), I am waiving and releasing all claims for injuries my child/ward might sustain arising out of participation in the program. I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injuries to participants in the program and I shall agree to assume the full risk of any such injuries, damages, or loss regardless of severity which I or my child/ward may sustain as a result of participating in this program. I hereby fully release and discharge the program and its Officers, Agents, coaches, and Volunteers from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages, and losses sustained by me or my child/ward, and arising out, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of the program.

I consent that my minor child/ward's image, likeness, and voice as shown in video, photographs, film, or electronic images may be used by the program, its assignees, and successors in whatever way they see fit in any media sponsored by the Lake Zurich Maulers including but not limited to television, motion picture, website, e-mail, official publications, and social media such as Facebook, Instagram. I consent that such images, recordings, and materials produced with such images and recordings are the sole property of the program and they shall have the right to sell, duplicate, reproduce, and make other uses of such images and recording free and clear of any claim whatsoever on my part.



## Player Code of Conduct

The Lake Zurich Mauler program has continually advanced year-over-year. We are all very proud of the program and the work that has been done to continue this growth. To continually advance the program, and provide our athletes with an opportunity to perform at their highest levels, we ask that all participants including Coaches, athletes, and parents follow our core expectations.

### Behavior

- I will play safe.
- I will report any and all injuries to my coach honestly as soon as they occur.
- It is my responsibility to inspect and confirm that all of my equipment and gear fits properly and is in good working condition. If I have a question I will ask my coach before walking onto the field.
- I will be a role model by setting a positive example whether in or out of my uniform. I understand that when I wear a Maulers jersey, I represent my team and the organization as a whole.
- I will not use profanity, and will demonstrate respect to all those around me.
- I will maintain control over my emotions, even in the most challenging situations.
- I will demonstrate safe behaviors towards my teammates, coaches, competitors, referees, and all personnel—on and off the field, during games or practices.
- I understand that any situation that involves a player putting themselves or another player in a potentially dangerous situation may result in disciplinary actions, including but not limited to suspension.
- I will respect all of my coaches and their decisions, whether I agree or not. I understand that my coaches are there for me and have my best interest at heart.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior, bullying, taunting, "showboating", unkindness, disrespect, and "attitude", or disrespect to my teammates, Coach, opponents, and/or official is inappropriate and will not be tolerated.
- I will treat everyone with respect and dignity. I will refrain from making negative comments before, after, or during any practice or game. I will do my best to create a positive environment and an enjoyable experience for everyone involved with practices and games.
- Any aggression or violence shown towards another player, teammate, opponent, referee, parent, fan or other personnel will not be tolerated and may result in disciplinary actions.
- I will put the team ahead of myself.
- I will never criticize or blame my teammates.
- I understand that it is the team as a whole that succeeds or fails together.

### Attendance

- I understand the time commitment necessary to be part of Lake Zurich Maulers Rugby.
- I understand that I am an important part of a team and that my teammates rely on me to do my best.
- I agree to be on time, every time.



- I understand that being on time means being 100% dressed, hydrated and ready to give my all.
- I understand that practice is not optional, my attendance is required if I want to play in a game.
- I agree to attend all scheduled practices prepared with all required gear, equipment and water. I will have a parent or guardian notify the Coaches of all expected absences at least 1 day prior to my absence or sooner if I am aware.
- If I am sick and cannot make practice, I will have a parent or guardian notify Coaches by 3:00pm that day.
- I will keep my Coach informed of any injuries I have that could prevent me from participating in a practice or game.
- I know an injury that prevents me from practicing does not excuse me from attending practice. I can still learn from being there and I may be able to contribute in our success in other ways
- I understand that missing practice or a game may affect playing time and/or position.

### **Practice**

- I will be prepared for practice.
- I will remain safe and keep my teammates safe during practice, including but not limited to appropriate drill safety, warm ups, and scrimmages.
- I will be on time to practice and ready to participate at the scheduled time.
- I will bring water to practice.
- I will not use my cell phone during practice.
- I will not allow anyone (friends and family included) to distract me during practice, and in return I will not distract anyone else.
- I know Lake Zurich Maulers Rugby is a serious commitment. I will participate fully and put in 100% of my effort and attention.

### **Games**

- I will respect my teammates, coaches, officials, opponents, parents and fans.
- I will be on time and understand that if I am not, I could forfeit my ability to play.
- I will not speak to an official, I will ask my coach if I have a question.

**Rugby Player Commitment**

I have read, understand and agree to all of the points listed in the Lake Zurich Maulers Code of Conduct. I understand that if I break any of these codes I could lose my right to participate in Lake Zurich Maulers and will not be entitled to any refunds.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Commitment**

I have read, understand and agree to all of the points listed in the Lake Zurich Maulers Code of Conduct. I have made sure that my athlete understands the information presented in the above Code of Conduct. I understand that if I break any of these my athlete could lose their right to participate in Lake Zurich Maulers and will not be entitled to any refunds.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Team \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_