

Buck Creek Code of Conduct

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Coaches

Buck Creek coaches will strive to teach all players the game of lacrosse and treat them equally. All Buck Creek coaches will adhere to the [GBYLA coaching code of conduct](#). In addition to the GBYLA code of conduct, Buck Creek policy has the following expectations from our coaches:

- A coach will never physically punish a player. If this occurs, they will be removed as coach for the remainder of the season
- If a coach is verbally abusive towards players, their behavior will be discussed with the Buck Creek Lacrosse board. If the verbal abuse continues, the coach will be removed for the remainder of the season
- A coach will never be intoxicated at a game or practice. If so, they will be removed as coach for the remainder of the season
- Coaches will represent Buck Creek in a positive light during games. If a coach gets into a physical argument with another coach, they will be suspended 2 games
 - o If there are complaints from GBYLA or another organization about the behavior of a coach, the Buck Creek board will gather information from all parties and discuss the situation with the coach in question. The Buck Creek board will decide if any actions are necessary and report back to GBYLA or the opposing coach.
- Coaches will resolve player conflict in collaboration with the player, the player's parents, and the Buck Creek Lacrosse board. If a coach is having issues with a player that are not being resolved, the coach will discuss with the player, the player's parents, and share with the Buck Creek board. If these issues are not resolved, discussions will continue with the player's parents and the Buck Creek board until the situation is resolved.

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Players

All players will strive to represent Buck Creek in a positive manner. All Buck Creek players will adhere to the [GBYLA player code of conduct](#). In addition to the GBYLA code of conduct, Buck Creek policy has the following expectations from our players:

- All players will treat referees with respect
 - o If a player argues with a referee, they will be taken out of a game temporarily and a coach will discuss their behavior with the player
 - o If a player continues to argue with a referee they will be taken out of the remainder of a game. A coach will discuss this behavior with the parents after the game
 - o If a player is disrespectful towards a referee they will be taken out of the remainder of a game
- All players will treat coaches with respect
 - o If a player argues with a coach, they will be taken out of a game temporarily and the behavior will be addressed. If this behavior continues, the coach will remove the player from the game and discuss this situation with the player and their parents.
- All players will treat opposing players with respect
 - o If a player uses a racial/homophobic slur or other denigrating language that is confirmed by an adult, they will be taken out of the game and be suspended 2 games
- All players will support the team and work together for overall team success
 - o If a player displays a bad attitude over multiple practices and games that is having a negative impact on the team, the player may be suspended or asked to leave the team. After discussions with the players parents and the Buck Creek board, the first penalty will be a 1 game suspension. If the behavior continues, the player may be asked not to return to the team. If this occurs, the Buck Creek player registration (\$125) will be refunded to the family.

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Parents

All parents will strive to support their player in a positive manner and represent Buck Creek in a positive light. All Buck Creek parents will adhere to the [GBYLA parent code of conduct](#). In addition to the GBYLA code of conduct, Buck Creek policy has the following expectations from our parents:

- Parents will be expected to support their player and their player's team
 - o Any behavior that is denigrating toward the team will be discussed with the parent and head coach then reported to the Buck Creek board. If the behavior continues, the parent may be asked not to attend games. If the parent wants to leave the team, the Buck Creek player registration fee will be returned to the family.
- Parents will be expected to support their player, their team, and the opposing team at all games
 - o If a parent curses at a player on any team, they will be asked to leave the game and be suspended for 1 additional game
 - o If a parent is intoxicated at a game, they will be asked to leave and be suspended for 1 additional game
 - o If a parent gets into an argument with another parent, they will be asked to leave the game
- If a parent wants to discuss any concerns for their child, they should approach the head coach directly. If the discussion is in regards to playing time or something that occurred during a game, the parent should wait at least 24 hours after the game in question to discuss with the head coach. The head coach will make the Buck Creek board aware of the conversation and the resolution. Further discussions should be made with the coach, and will escalate to the Buck Creek board if the situation is not resolved