

## ASU Men's Lacrosse Club Philosophy and Statement on Sportsmanship

The ASU Men's Lacrosse Club (the "Club") is expected to reflect the same standards of excellence and integrity that characterize the instructional, research, and public service activities of Arizona State University as a whole. The Club's philosophy is consistent with that of ASU's Intercollegiate Athletics (Academic Affairs Manual ACD116) and must support its Members in achieving the highest levels of academic and athletic excellence, thereby providing them with opportunities for personal growth, offering a unifying force to the campus community, and creating a source of pride among and support from external constituencies of ASU.

The Club regards the student-athlete primarily as a student, with academic qualifications, individual rights, personal interests, and aspirations similar to those of all students. Club Members are encouraged to integrate fully into the broader community of students, and to utilize the full range of services and opportunities provided by ASU for the benefit of all students.

The Club is committed to compliance with all internal rules and external regulations and to ensure that the Club is operated in a manner consistent with the mission and goals of ASU.

The Club values and encourages the support by those within and outside of the university. All such assistance is expected to conform to any internal and external regulations that govern such activities.

The Club's intention is to foster a sense of personal responsibility and accountability, and an understanding of the efforts required for academic as well as athletic success. While the Club emphasizes the team concept, the success of each student remains an individual responsibility.

**Recruiting** - Clear communications and disclosure must be part of the recruiting process. Potential new Club members must understand the following:

- Differences between club sports and intercollegiate athletics
- Monetary obligations to the Club including dues and fund raising
- Time and physical condition expectations
- Rules and requirements of the Club, SRC, ASU, Southwest Lacrosse Conference and the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association

**Sportsmanship** - The Club is committed to the principles of amateurism, gender and ethnic diversity, nondiscrimination, ethical conduct, good sportsmanship, and fair play in all aspects of its program. Sportsmanship is behavior exhibited by student-athletes, coaches, game officials, administrators and fans in athletics competition. The core value of this behavior is based upon respect and integrity. Club Members will refrain from intimidating behavior, taunting, trash talking or making derogatory remarks to opponents, especially comments of ethnic, racial or sexual nature.

Good sportsmanship must be displayed at all times. While victory is the expected goal of every competitor, defeat is not a disgrace. The prospect of defeat is never an excuse for unethical behavior or a lack of sportsmanship. Good sportsmanship is displayed both on and off the field with actions as well as words. The Club should win with humility and lose with grace and do both with dignity. Excess celebrating should be avoided.

**Coaches** - The coach's behavior influences that of the players and, frequently, the fans. The coach has a responsibility to educate the players concerning their obligations to the coach, the institution, officials, athletics and themselves. Respect for an opponent can most effectively be conveyed to the players by the manner in which the coach speaks of and acts toward the opponent.

**Student athletes** - must honor the responsibilities which accompany the privilege of representing ASU, the SLC and the MCLA by adhering to player rules, and this Statement. Student-athletes are expected to treat opponents and officials with respect. They must be aware that significant penalties will be applied for fighting, taunting an opponent or other unethical conduct. Student-athletes must learn the rules of the games thoroughly. They should treat opponents the way they would like to be treated and respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.