
Policies & Good Practice Guide for Boys' Lacrosse

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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

This document has been produced to support the junior boys game in the clubs in the north of England; currently:

Ashton	Heaton Mersey	Oldham	Timperley
Boardman & Eccles	Heaton Mersey Guild	Poynton	Wilmslow
Brooklands Hulmeians	Manchester Wacs	Rochdale	
Cheadle	Mellor	Sheffield	
Cheadle Hulme	Norbury	Stockport	

It brings together the policies agreed at Junior and Schools (North) Committee (JSNC) over a number of years. It is intended that it should be updated annually to reflect changes agreed at Committee meetings or the AGM.

The Committee is a sub-committee of Men's Playing Committee (MPC), and also receives input from Development and Rules & Referees Committees. It can refer any issue back to MPC for resolution. JSNC policies are mandatory on all its clubs. The sections in italics provide guidance to coaches and managers. The Committee expects compliance since the guidance is intended to promote good practice and raise standards within the game.

At present, the JSNC is the only constituted committee of the English Lacrosse Association (ELA) with a remit for the junior boys game. However it is recognised that there are vibrant and developing junior teams elsewhere in England and local practices have developed. These policies and practice guide are therefore offered in the spirit of developing the game further. It is hoped this document will provide a starting point for discussion on the development of a common set of policies that apply to all junior boys games across England.

VALUES

MANAGERS, COACHES, PARENTS AND PLAYERS, IN PARTNERSHIP, ALL SHARE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP DEVELOP CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE SPORT OF LACROSSE

WE ALL MUST

- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of each young player
- Treat young players equally within the context of the sport
- Place the well being and safety of players and other participant above all other considerations, including the development of performance
- Adhere to the guidelines laid down within the constitution and the rules of the English Lacrosse Association and our own Club

- GOALS TO SUCCESS -

Player participation

Improvement

Skill development

ENJOYMENT

YOUNG PEOPLE MATTER

PLAYERS

SAFEGUARDING

- All participating Clubs must ensure that ELA safeguarding procedures are followed
- Bullying and intimidation by any player, official or spectator on or off the pitch will not be tolerated

EQUIPMENT

- Helmet, gloves and boxes must be worn. Throat guards and chest protectors are mandatory for goalkeepers. Managers and referees must enforce these requirements.
- *It is advisable that players wear arm pads and shoulder pads for protection. Goalkeepers may choose to wear padded shorts and other pads.*
- *Clubs should be prepared to support junior teams by investing in proper protective equipment.*
- All sticks must be legal - it is the responsibility of coaches to ensure that all players have legal sticks.
- Junior sticks do not have to be the same length as those for the senior game but must be a minimum of 36". Long sticks may be cut down to suit the height and skill of the player.
- *It is advised that Defense sticks should not exceed the height of the player.*
- *Whether U12s should play with Defense sticks during the first half of season is at the discretion of the coaches.*

REGISTRATION

- All players, officials (managers, coaches & referees) and volunteers must be registered with the ELA.
- Players and Club officials are responsible for ensuring their registration details are accurate.
- Managers are ultimately responsible for ensuring all their players are registered before the beginning of the season and that new players are added within a reasonable time. Players are not insured for inter club games unless they are registered.
- Officials of JSNC may request confirmation of a player's details from the ELA and/or the player, where there is a dispute, over the age of the player.
- Clubs must provide the Junior and Schools Registration Officer with a list of registered players (see Appendix 5) at each age group by the 31st October in the year of the new season. This should be updated and resubmitted as new players are registered. Failure to comply with this will result in exclusion from cup competitions.

TEAMS

- The JSNC has teams in the following age groups:
 - U16s (school years 10 & 11)
 - U14s (school years 8 & 9)
 - U12s (school years 4, 5, 6, 7)
- The Committee supports the development of U10 and U11 teams and will arrange tournaments and triangular matches when possible.
- Age is defined as the age on 31st August each year.
- Clubs that agree to pool players to form one junior team must inform the JSNC .
- *Where a club is unable to field a full side for a match, its opponents should agree to play with reduced numbers or loan players to help balance the teams.*

DISPENSATIONS

- The age dispensation policy is in place to nurture and support the progress of new players. It is intended to enable players to participate by allowing them to play within a different age group should they
 - be new to the game
 - be small for their age
 - have a disability
 - have no team for them to play in
 - be any other reason agreed by JSNC

- Clubs must apply to the JSNC for dispensations in writing or by email to the Secretary and Chairperson
 - All dispensations will be discussed and approved at JSNC meetings
 - Should dispensations be submitted between meetings, the Chairperson (who may co-opt another experienced Committee member) is authorised to grant temporary dispensations pending a formal decision by the JSNC. The Chairperson will ensure the Secretary and requesting Club is informed of the interim decision. The dispensation should not be assumed before a reply is received.
 - Information on interim dispensations will be sent to Clubs by the JSNC Secretary and reported at the next JSNC.
 - Clubs will be informed of the Committee's decision in writing (to the Secretary and to the relevant Junior representative) and be recorded in the minutes.
- Dispensations granted to Clubs at the beginning of the season apply only until the end of December. Clubs wishing to continue from January must reapply. It cannot be assumed that dispensations will be renewed.
- Managers/Coaches must inform the opposition of any players with dispensations in the week preceding the game.
- The opposing club has the right to object to a dispensated player. The reasons for this must be sound and fair.
- Coaches should point out dispensated players to the opposing coach and referees on the match day.
- Dispensated players must not be allowed to dominate the game and the opposition does have the right to request that the player is withdrawn during the course of the game if this happens.
- Dispensations are not permissible for cup games and any other competitions.
- Players are allowed to play in age group one year higher than their age would usually allow. No formal dispensation is needed for this. However coaches must be aware of the risks and taking account of the size and skill of the player.
- Junior players may not play senior lacrosse until their 16th birthday.

GIRLS

- Traditionally junior boys' lacrosse in the North of England has been a boy's only sport.
- The JSNC support the development of Girls Lacrosse in the region and Clubs should not encourage girls to join a boy's team at the expense of the girls' game.
- However, in recognition of legislative changes and the importance of securing viability of clubs and in the interest of all junior players,
 - Girls may play in junior boys games in U12 and U14 teams.
 - There is no restriction on the positions girls may play.

- The girls playing in junior boys teams must wear the same protective equipment as boys and are not allowed additional items.
- The JSNC does not currently sanction girls as players at U16 level on health and safety grounds.

PERSONAL CONDUCT

- Players are expected to display sportsman like conduct and to follow the JSNC Code of Conduct (Appendix 1).
- Bullying, intimidation, abusive language and uncontrolled play are not acceptable on or off the field by players, coaches, managers, referees, parents or spectators.
- Parents and spectators are expected to:
 - respect the rules of the game
 - respect the referee's decisions
 - provide good role models for players
 - follow the relevant Code of Conduct (Appendix 2)

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- JSNC has a sub-committee of up to 4 members with a Chairperson and JSNC Secretary. A quorum of 3 is necessary for a disciplinary hearing.
- The disciplinary procedures are set out in Appendix 3.

TRANSFERS

- Transfers between Clubs at junior level are discouraged as they could have a negative impact on the development of junior lacrosse as a whole and the viability of the smaller Clubs.
- Managers and coaches are not expected to approach junior players, or their parents, from other Clubs.
- Players are expected to be loyal to his/her Club, but we acknowledge that moves are inevitable. Clubs losing a player should be aware of the situation and be given an opportunity to retain the player if possible and desirable.
- If managers and coaches are approached by a junior player and parents, the new Club should immediately discuss the situation with the player's current registered Club. There is no transfer window.
- Should it be mutually agreed that a transfer is in the best interests of the player, then the procedure will be identical to the transfer of senior players in NELA clubs. The standard form should be used. The Club Secretary will be able to provide the appropriate paperwork for the manager. Copies of the transfer form should be sent to:

- the secretary of the JSNC who will report it at the next committee meeting.
- the Club Secretary.
- It is the responsibility of the manager of the new Club to ensure that the player is registered with the ELA for his new Club.

MANAGERS AND COACHES

ROLE OF MANAGERS AND COACHES

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Always promote the appropriate code of conduct and positive aspects of the sport e.g. fair play to players, officials and spectators alike.
- Never condone violations of the laws of the game.
- Take responsibility for the attitude and conduct of players on and off the field. They should support the referee at all times.
- Make clear to players and parents what is expected of them and what they can expect of the Club.
- Set the standard of appropriate behavior.
- Must be aware of the Junior Disciplinary Procedure and that inappropriate behavior will be reported to the JSN Disciplinary Committee
- Are subject to the JSNC's disciplinary procedures.
- Are responsible for the conduct of the spectators. They should encourage spectators to support their team in a positive way. No spectator should 'put down' the opposition or the match officials.

RESPONSIBILITIES TO PLAYERS

- Develop an appropriate supportive relationship with each player based on mutual respect and trust.
- Ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of the players.
- Encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.
- Check players' equipment to ensure it is legal, comfortable, safe and effective.

MATCHES

PITCHES AND SURFACES

SURFACES

- Lacrosse can be played on grass or artificial surfaces. Generally most Clubs will offer a grass pitch but may offer an artificial one if the grass pitch is unplayable or reserved for another game.
- The visiting side does not have a right to veto a decision to play on an artificial pitch even for cup and tournament games subject to the Cup Competition rules.
- The manager of the visiting side should be advised at least 72 hrs before a game if there is a possibility the game will be played on an artificial pitch so that players can be told to bring appropriate footwear.

PITCHES

- The home Club must carry out a risk assessment on the pitch before the game and make safe any apparent hazards. The visiting coach, manager and referee must be informed of any outstanding issues before the start of the game.
- The home side grounds man will decide whether a pitch is playable in good time to allow managers to inform their teams. Before and during a match, ultimately a decision on whether a pitch is fit for play rests with the referee.
- *It is recommended that for U12 games the dimensions of the pitch should be reduced. If this is not feasible, the goals should be brought closer together.*

SAFETY & FIRST AID

FIRST AID

- *Each side should have*
 - *player contact details and completed medical consent forms at pitch side*
 - *an adequate first aid kit with them by the pitch*
 - *a mobile phone to call the emergency services and/or parents of an injured players*
- *The first aid kit for the home side should contain the address and clear directions to the nearest A & E department, as well as the address and post code of the Club.*
- *The home side should ensure that someone with a valid first aid certificate (preferably for sports injuries) or a medical or nursing qualification is available to assess and/or offer first aid.*

ACCIDENTS

- Each Club should have an accident book and
 - any injuries must be entered promptly in the accident book of the home side and copies given to the visiting side's manager
 - *managers should ensure information on any injuries and treatment is recorded promptly in their own Club's accident book,*
- The accident book should record
 - summary of how the accident happened
 - the action taken and who took it
- Where parents/carers are not present, managers are responsible for ensuring that parents are informed of the accident and any advice given.

HYDRATION

- *All Clubs should make their players aware of the importance of adequate hydration.*

FIXTURES

- There is no league for junior matches and all matches except cup and tournament matches are considered "friendlies"
- The JSNC appoints a Fixture Secretary to arrange all the junior fixtures and cup draws.
 - it is the fixture secretary's responsibility to keep the club junior contacts informed of the fixture list and any changes made during the season.
- each club must provide the jsn secretary with
 - contact details for the club's junior contact at least one week before the first match of the season

- Full contact information for the managers, team manager and coach of each team before the end of October.

Name	Position	Home phone number	Mobile number	Email Address
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- At the beginning of the season U12s short triangular matches are arranged to provide experience for players and enable coaches and the Fixture Secretary to assess the strengths of the teams.

PRE MATCH ARRANGEMENTS

- Managers must confirm the fixture in the week before a match
- Managers must indicate in advance whether any players have a dispensation authorised by JSN Committee or its representatives. The manager/coach of the opposing side has to agree to the dispensated player participating in the game. This player(s) should be identified to the opposing coach and referee before the game.
- *Where clubs cannot field a full team, managers are encouraged to discuss this with the opposing team and, if possible, reach an agreement about how to play an 8 or 6 aside match. Players may be loaned to the other side to enable a match to be played.*
- Matches will be cancelled if the pitch is deemed unplayable.

REFEREES & OFFICIALS

REFEREES

- The home team must provide at least one qualified referee.
- *It is recommended that the opposition provide a qualified referee.*
- *Referees in junior games*
 - *should show an understanding of the needs of junior players.*
 - *are encouraged to explain their decisions to players and coaches.*
 - *should be aware of the guidelines for officials (Appendix 4).*

BENCH OFFICIALS.

- The home team should provide a CBO who will also time penalties.
- A stopwatch should be provided for this purpose.
- The shirt number of any player committing personal fouls should be recorded.

CONDUCT OF THE GAME

- Junior games play 15 minutes for each quarter.
- When a team is winning by a margin of 5 goals, the losing team may have a free clear from the half way line each time a goal is scored. This is at the discretion of the losing team coach.
- Only the team captain on field or the team coach/manager should communicate with the referees.
- Field Coaching - U12s coaches may step onto the pitch to coach players.
- Take outs
 - are not allowed in u12 games.
 - are legal in u14 and u16 games, but may be considered unnecessary roughness in the case of size differences between individual players which occur at these age groups.

RESULTS

- Managers must inform the Fixtures Secretary or a nominated official of results of the matches by, no later than, 2000 on Monday evening.
- The JSNC will endeavour to post the results on the ELA website.

CUP GAMES & TOURNAMENTS

The JSNC organizes:

- Cup competitions for each age group:
 - Under 12s Onondaga Cup and Plate Competition
 - Under 14s Centurion Cup
 - Under 16s Junior & Schools Cup
- Six aside competitions for each group
- U10 and U11 tournaments

CUP COMPETITIONS

FIXTURES

- The cup competitions are organized by the Fixtures Secretary and are the responsibility of the JSN Committee.
- Dates may only be changed with the consent of JSNC officials.
- Where bad weather leads to the cancellation of games
 - the game must be re-played the next week at the original ground.
 - if this is not possible, games may be played at the home ground of the opposing team or at a neutral ground.
- The Fixtures Secretary and the Secretary of JSNC must be informed of re arranged matches.
- Traditionally the cup finals and plate final are played on the Flags Festival Weekend.

SURFACES

- Generally most clubs will offer a grass pitch but may offer an artificial one if the grass pitch is unplayable or reserved for another game. Junior cup games take precedent over other junior games.
- The visiting side does not have a right to veto a decision to play on an artificial pitch even for cup and tournament games subject to being given at least 72 hours notice and no grass pitch being available.
- The manager/coach of the visiting side should be advised at least 72 hrs before a game if there is a possibility the game will be played on an artificial pitch so that players can be told to bring appropriate footwear.

REFEREES AND OFFICIALS

- The home team must supply
 - At least one qualified referee, and should endeavour to provide a second qualified referee
 - A CBO and someone to time penalties.
- The away team has the choice to appoint a neutral, qualified referee and must inform the home team at least 72 hours before the game of their intention to do so.

PLAYERS

- All players must be
 - of the correct age group; no dispensations are allowed.
 - registered with the ELA prior to the game.
- Officials of the JSNC may check with the ELA the age and registration of any player in cup or tournament competition, or ask the player to provide evidence of their age and/or registration.
- Squad sizes are unlimited.
- Managers must use the JSNC template and provide team sheets (see Appendix 5). A copy must be given to the opposing team. The information must include:
 - ELA registration reference number.
 - Name.
 - Date of Birth.
 - Shirt number.

TROPHIES

- It is the responsibility of the winning club to have the trophy inscribed and to return it in time for the next years competition.

SIX ASIDE TOURNAMENTS

- Six a Side tournaments are organized by volunteer Clubs
 - an entry fee will be charged to cover cost of medals, cost of head referee and any Host Club costs.
 - clubs must provide a referee to participate.
- All players must be
 - of the correct age group; no dispensations are allowed.
 - registered with the ELA .

- Officials of the JSNC may check with the ELA the age and registration of any player in cup or Six a Side competition, or ask the player to provide evidence of age and/or registration.
 - Managers must provide team sheets (see Appendix 5) for the organizers on the day, and send a copy to the Junior and Schools Registration Officer prior to the competition. The information must include:
 - ELA registration reference number.
 - Name.
 - Date of Birth.
 - Shirt number.
 - A Head Referee will be appointed by the North of England Referees Association for each tournament. The Head Referee will determine whether the pitches are playable or if the weather conditions are safe. Note the hosting Club can declare the pitches unplayable to safeguard their future use.
 - It is the responsibility of the winning Club to have the trophy inscribed and to return it in time for the next years competition.
 - Squad sizes are limited to 8 players.
 - The number of long sticks in the field of play is limited to 2.
 - In the event of an injury which stops a player continuing leaving the team with only 5 fit players the game and remaining games will be played as 5 A Side. In the event of further injuries the team may borrow players to complete their fixtures but all their games will be considered to be friendlies and the results of all their games will not be considered in establishing placings. In the event the team are in the knockout stages they will have to continue with reduced numbers or concede the game.
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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Players must:

- Play lacrosse within the rules and spirit of the game
- Show respect to other players, officials, coaches, managers, volunteers & spectators
- Decisions should be respected and dissent never shown
- Be well mannered and well behaved at all times
- Wear appropriate protective clothing

Players must not:

- Intimidate the opposition by threats or excessive triumphalism
- Bully other players – players should support other junior Club members
- Use bad language or make derogatory comments and gestures
- Disagree with decisions of match officials
- Verbally or physically abuse players, opponents, officials, coaches, managers, volunteers & spectators

BILL OF RIGHTS FOR YOUNG LACROSSE PLAYERS

- 1 Every young player has the right to take part in lacrosse.
- 2 Every young player has the right to be treated with respect by all adults and players.
- 3 Every young player has the right to report any problems to the Club Welfare Officer
- 4 Every young player selected for a match has the right to play in that match.
- 5 Every young player has the right to play as a child.
- 6 Every young player has the right to play safely and have proper medical treatment if needed.
- 7 Every young player has the right to be taught lacrosse by a qualified adult.
- 8 Every young player has the right to have a coach who coaches fun, friendship and skills rather than winning
- 9 Every young player has the right to have a coach who supports and takes time to work with each player, and allows the player to make mistakes.
- 10 Every young player has the right to have fun.

APPENDIX 2 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Parents should:

- Ensure your child behaves in a proper manner and upholds the Young Players' Code of Conduct
- Support your son/daughter's involvement in lacrosse, to enjoy it and develop within it
- Encourage your son/daughter to learn the laws of the game and play within the spirit of the rules
- Support and accept the safe selection policies of coaches and managers
- Support their son/daughter by attending matches
- Help your child recognise good performance not just good results
- Discourage unfair play and disputes with coaches or officials
- Publicly accept the judgment of officials without argument or comment
- Ensure players are dropped off and picked up at agreed times
- Ensure players are not left unaccompanied should bad weather curtail or cancel matches or practice sessions
- Direct any complaints privately to the individual coach or manager

Parents should not:

- Place undue pressure to perform on any young player
- Punish or belittle a child for losing or making mistakes; support and credit should always be given and negative criticism avoided

Spectators should:

- Set a good example by recognising fair play and applauding good performances of all players and officials. Respect the decisions of match officials
- Use correct and proper language at all times.

APPENDIX 3 JUNIOR DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE - JSN

1. Constitution & Membership of the Junior Disciplinary Committee

- a. The Junior Disciplinary Committee is a sub - committee of the JSNC.
- b. Individual disciplinary issues will be the responsibility of the Junior Disciplinary Committee who will report formally to the JSNC.
- c. The Junior Disciplinary Committee shall consist of the officers of the JSNC together with up to 4 members elected annually at the AGM.
- d. A Chairman will be nominated from members elected by their Clubs to represent them on the JSNC.
- e. At least 3 members of the Junior Disciplinary Committee must be present at any disciplinary hearing. If possible these members should be from neutral clubs.

2. Remit

a. Players

- i. All junior players involved in a junior game.

A junior playing in an U19 or Senior Game is NOT within the remit of the Junior Disciplinary Committee and must be considered by the League North Disciplinary Committee.

- ii. Type of incidents falling within the remit of the Committee

- o All expulsion fouls . These carry an automatic ban as detailed in in Section 5a below
- o Serious incident for which an expulsion foul is not an appropriate penalty for the incident

b. Managers and Coaches -

- i. Unacceptable behaviour by coaches and managers in junior games is within the jurisdiction of the Junior Disciplinary Committee
- ii. Such incidents must be reported by the referee or opposing coach or manager to the Junior Disciplinary Committee.

c. Parents and Spectators

- a. Incidents involving unacceptable behaviour by spectators are the responsibility of the coach or team manager. In the first instance it is their responsibility to ensure all spectators' behaviour is acceptable.
- b. Unresolved incidents involving unacceptable behaviour of spectators at junior games will be dealt with by the Junior Disciplinary Committee.
- c. Parents should be strongly encouraged to notify their child's Club of any actions they intend to take.
- d. The Junior Disciplinary Committee has the right to suspend / ban the player/manager/coach for a stated period of time during which the player/manager/coach is banned from participating in any game of lacrosse

governed by the ELA.

3. Reporting Unacceptable Behaviours & Expulsions

- a. All unacceptable behaviour MUST be reported to the JSNC Secretary
 - i. within 5 days of the incident by telephone or email .
 - ii. followed up formally in writing.
- b. It is the responsibility of the player's Club to report an expulsion foul or other serious incidents in a junior game.
- c. Failure to report incidents to the JSNC Secretary will result in further penalties.
- d. Referees and officials should report all expulsion fouls or other serious incidents occurring before, during and after a junior game with an account of the incident to the Secretary of the Junior Disciplinary Committee.

4. The Disciplinary Hearing

- a. Cases shall be considered as soon as possible after an offence has been reported.
- b. If the matter is considered serious enough to call for a hearing of the case the following may be invited:
 - i. The player
 - ii. His or her parents
 - iii. Manager/coach
 - iv. The referee and officials
 - v. Any witnesses
 - vi. Up to two representatives from each Club involved shall be invited to attend.
- c. At least 3 members of the Disciplinary Committee must be present at the hearing. If possible, these members should be from neutral Clubs.
- d. The Disciplinary Committee should hear evidence from the referee, the two coaches involved and any other significant persons. The Committee may consider oral evidence and written submissions.

5. Sanctions

- a. Automatic Bans
 - i. For a player participating in the U16 age group, impose a ban of 3 full field games (or more if the offence is deemed very serious) for which the player would normally be selected.
 - ii. for a player participating in the U12 or U14 age group, impose a ban of 1 full field game. The game must be a recognised ELA fixture and must be played.

- b. When an automatic ban is not appropriate the Disciplinary Committee may:
- i. Impose a ban for a player greater than the automatic bans if the offence is deemed serious enough.
 - ii. Recommend no further action.
 - iii. Send a written reprimand to the player / manager / coach and his/her Club with a warning as to future conduct.
 - iv. For a manager /coach, impose a ban of up to 3 full field games (or more if the offence is deemed very serious) in which the manager/coach would normally participate as a coach/manager.
 - v. Penalise a junior team if appropriate.
- c. Bans - how they apply
- i. Bans apply to recognised ELA fixtures and must be played.
 - ii. Cancelled and postponed games do not count
 - iii. Six a Side and Eight a Side tournaments do not count
 - iv. **For U16s** the bans apply for the next full field games for which the player would normally be selected at any level. These are U16 games, U19 games and senior games.
 - v. **For U14 or U12 players** the ban will be for the next full field game for which the player would normally be selected.
- d. Consideration of the Disciplinary Record
- i. Reprimands and warnings as to future conduct will be expunged after two years.
 - ii. Bans, reprimands or warnings less than 2 years old will be taken into account by the Junior Disciplinary Committee.
- e. Representations / Appeals
- i. Any correspondence following a hearing must be addressed to the Secretary of the JSNC.
 - ii. Such correspondence will be considered at a full meeting of that Committee
 - iii. The JSNC may:
 - o take no action
 - o uphold the Disciplinary Sub Committee's decision
 - o ask the Disciplinary Sub Committee to review its decision
 - o refer the matter to the MPC

6. Reporting

- a. The JSNC Secretary shall inform the player/coach/manager and his/her Club Secretary, in writing, of the Committee's decision and the penalty imposed. This should be done within 5 working days of the hearing.
- b. Where a ban is imposed, the junior manager/secretary of the player's/coach's/manager's Club will inform the JSNC Secretary which games the player missed due to the player's suspension. Failure to do this within 14 days of the last game the player missed due to the player's suspension will result in the Club being fined.
- c. Any junior player/coach/manager involved in a serious incident or receiving an expulsion foul in a junior match will be reported to and dealt with by the Junior Disciplinary Committee.
- d. If the above player is eligible to play on U19 or senior teams the Junior Disciplinary Committee shall inform the League North Disciplinary Committee of the incident and the sanctions imposed.
- e. Any junior player involved in a serious incident or receiving an expulsion foul in a senior or U19 game shall be reported to and dealt with by the League North Disciplinary Committee. **Subsequently** League North Disciplinary Committee shall inform the Junior Disciplinary Committee of any incident involving junior players and of the sanctions imposed

APPENDIX 4 GUIDELINES FOR OFFICIALS

Referees, Managers and Coaches should

- Recognize the importance of fun and enjoyment when officiating young players
- Explain decisions – young players are still learning
- Appreciate the needs of players
- Be a positive role model
- Recognise that safety is paramount

Referees, Managers and Coaches should not

- Change in the same area as young players
- Shower with young players – agree a timetable for use of shower and changing room with managers if separate facilities are not available
- Provide verbal feedback in a positive way during games
- Be alone with young players at any time – if a young player comes into the dressing room, officials should ensure that another adult is present
- Allow a young player to continue playing if there are doubts about his fitness
- Engage in inappropriate contact with young players
- Give a lift to a player unless there are other young people or adults in the car
- Take a young player to his/her home
- Make sexually explicit remarks to young players – even in fun
- Overly criticise young players or use language that may cause young players to lose self esteem or confidence
- Tolerate verbal abuse

Referees, Managers and Coaches must always report in writing to the Club Secretary or Welfare Officer

- Behaviour of adults which appears to contravene the ELA child protection policy
- Verbal bullying by coaches, parents, spectators
- Physical abuse by coaches, parents, spectators
- Inappropriate or aggressive contact by an adult to a young person
- Verbal abuse by a player, coach or parent/ spectator directed at match officials

THE WELFARE OF ALL YOUNG PEOPLE IS PARAMOUNT

APPENDIX 5 REGISTRATION FORM FOR JUNIOR TEAMS
Juniors and School North
Team Sheet 20XX - XX

Club Name: _____

Team: U12 / U14 / U16 A / B (Please circle / highlight as appropriate)

Manager's Name _____

Email Address _____

Contact Phone Number _____

This Form should be completed and returned to e.mooney@englishlacrosse.co.uk by no later than October 31st

	Name	D.O.B.	ELA Registration Number
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Teams will still need to produce team lists for cup competitions.

Players with dispensation to be asterisked.

APPENDIX 5 REGISTRATION FORM FOR TOURNAMENTS & CUP GAMES

Tournament Team Sheet

Under XX Cup Match / Six Aside Competition (date)

Club Name:	
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Team: U12 / U14 / U16	
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Manager's Name:	
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Coach's Name:	
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	Name	D.O.B.	ELA Registration Number	Shirt Number
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Cup games - unlimited numbers

6 aside - maximum of 8 players

No dispensated players