



Creekview Grizzlies Youth Lacrosse - Welcome to the Fall 2019 Season!

Dear Parents & Players:

August 2019

We would like to welcome and congratulate the players and families for being a part of our lacrosse program this fall. We are very proud of our program which is a direct result of your commitment, involvement and enthusiasm.

As players, your commitment will be rewarded by all coaches maintaining a 100% focus on providing you with a challenging experience where you will have the opportunity to make the right character choices and develop lifelong friendships.

As parents, we understand that you want your sons to play sports for the opportunity for them to develop physically and emotionally and to enjoy themselves. The side benefit of playing sports is that your sons are given an opportunity to:

- Learn how to work with and get along with others
- Take good risks in a public arena and survive
- Learn to set and achieve goals by developing positive work habits
- Learn how to succeed and fail with dignity
- Develop friendships outside the family that can last a lifetime

We have identified three (3) specific sets of Standards that must be understood by the players, coaches and parents. We use the term “Standards” because “Rules” are made to be tested and broken while “Standards” are made to be strived for and met.

Please read each Standard, check the appropriate boxes, sign where indicated and return to your team’s Head Coach no later than August 31, 2019. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to your Head Coach or the CGYL Board if you have any questions. We strongly encourage you to make a copy of these Standards for your own reference.

Thank you again for your commitment to the Creekview Grizzlies Youth Lacrosse program & best wishes for a productive, successful & enjoyable fall 2019 season!

Go Grizzlies!

Creekview Grizzlies Youth Lacrosse Board

Player/Program Standards:

- We will *always* put the team ahead of ourselves - we do not let our teammates down in *anything* we do.
- Our priorities will always be family, academics, community and lacrosse.
- Our education will always be paramount - playing lacrosse is a privilege and reward for doing well in school:
 - You must maintain at least a B (80+) average during the season. If necessary, tutoring and scheduled study time is recommended to give you every opportunity to make your best effort.
- We will play lacrosse for the love of the game demonstrated by our enthusiasm, effort, and focus.
- We will be athletes of character. Individual players can make choices that will define them as an athlete. Within the game and the team, we learn and apply appropriate character choices to be applied in every aspect of our lives.
- We will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- We will always respect our teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, spectators and anyone that we come into contact with as representatives of our team.
- We will abide by and respect the judgment of the officials and accept the rules of the game as “mutual agreements” required to play within the spirit of the game:
 - We will never argue or make non-verbal gestures which indicate disagreement with game officials. Actually, these situations allow you to exhibit the appropriate team-first, discipline and sportsmanship character choices.
- We will understand and accept the decisions made by the coaches:
 - If you have a question, concern or complaint regarding a team situation, talk directly with the coach in private, face to face, away from the practice site or game. A telephone call or e-mail may be necessary to arrange an appropriate time and place.
- I have reviewed the Player/Program Standards with my parents.

Player's Signature

Player's Printed Name

Date

Coach/Program Standards:

- We will coach for the love of the game and respect for the athlete.
- We will build positive, life-lasting character in the young people we have been given the responsibility and privilege to coach.
- We will cultivate an environment based on respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship.
- We will always use a positive-demanding coaching style.
- We will put the needs of the team ahead of any individual.
- We will be willing to work with parents for the benefit of the individual athlete.
- We will put the welfare of our athletes above winning.
- We will reward effort and behavior and not outcome.
- We will give dignity to mistakes made with full effort.
- We will be willing to confront incorrect behavior or less than all-out effort.
- We will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- We will respect the judgment of the officials and accept the rules of the game as “mutual agreements” required to play within the spirit of the game.
- We will lead by example with the highest moral character and behavior.
- We will promote sportsmanship among players and spectators.
- We will promote ethical relationships among coaches.
- We will constantly improve our knowledge and ability to teach the game.
- We will encourage multiple-sport participation.
- We will keep the game simple and fun.

Head Coach

Date

Assistant Coach

Date

Assistant Coach

Date

Parent/Program Standards:

- Before the season begins, I will ask and accept the goals, roles, and expectations of my son, not my own.

- I will release my son to the coach and to the team:
 - By releasing your son to the coach and to the team, you are telling your son that all successes are theirs, all failures are theirs and finding solutions to problems are theirs.
 - Help your son learn to resolve their own differences. When your son successfully deals with difficult situations, he learns and grows.
 - Of course, you will always retain the right to intervene on behalf of your son if the circumstance warrants your involvement.

- I will be a confidence builder, not a critic; model appropriate behavior, poise, and confidence.

- I will be an encourager; encouraging my son to keep his perspective in both victory and defeat by displaying modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.

- I will accept the judgment of the officials and the coaches and remain in control.

- After the game (or practice), I will give my son all the time and space they need.

- I will not approach the coaching staff with what I feel is a problem at practice or on game days (before, during or after):
 - If you feel the need to talk to a coach about a problem, you should call or e-mail to choose an appropriate time and place to talk. With regard to such problems, some concerns are appropriate, while others are not. Among the concerns that are appropriate for you to discuss with the coach are:
 - Emotional and physical treatment of your son
 - Ways to help your son improve
 - Concerns about your son’s behavior
 - Inappropriate areas of concern that you should not discuss with the coach include:
 - Playing time
 - Team strategy or play calling
 - Other team members

- I have read and reviewed the Parent/Program Standards with my son.

Parent’s Signature

Parent’s Printed Name

Date

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