**Player’s Pledge**

New Milford Youth Lacrosse (NMYL) wants all its athletes, parents, and coaches to understand and embrace our Values. In order of priority, our Values are as follows:

1. Safety always comes first.
2. Sportsmanship: Exemplary respect for the rules, opponents, officials, teammates, and self is mandatory.
3. We are here to have fun, but not at the expense of preventable injuries or being discourteous to others.
4. Learning the great sport of lacrosse!
5. Success will be measured by our effort and our improvement. Winning is important, but not at the expense of any of our other Values.

As an athlete representing NMYL, I pledge that:

* **I will HONOR THE GAME by following the rules and respecting my opponents, officials, all teammates, including coaches, parents and fellow players, and myself.**
* **I will adhere to OUR VALUES, display good sportsmanship, and set a positive example, even if others do not, at all times on and off the field.**
* **I will not swear or use abusive or obscene language or gestures.**
* **I will not engage in any form of bullying or harassment of any person, including team members or opponents.**
* I will be coachable.
* I will self-advocate and communicate with my coach(es) when necessary.
* I will give 100% effort at each practice and game.
* I will not be afraid to make mistakes; I understand that is part of learning the game.
* I will do my best to attend all practices and games and be on time. When I cannot, I will inform the coaches in advance.
* I will wear the required equipment at all games and practices, and keep my equipment well maintained.
* I will show appreciation to my parents/guardians by making sure that (i) I have completed all my schoolwork when I am supposed to, (ii) I am ready to leave for the field when they’re ready, and (iii) I have kept track of all my lacrosse gear.

I understand that if I break this pledge, I will be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to, the following:

* Verbal warning by a coach, and/or NMYL Lacrosse Board of Directors.
* Suspension from NMYL activities with written documentation of incident.

The Vice President, who is responsible for investigating complaints and conduct detrimental to NMYL, as well as the NMYL Board of Directors, will deal with unacceptable conduct at their sole discretion, imposing warnings and/or suspension, as they deem appropriate.

Being a member of NMYL is a position of responsibility and accountability. Your signature below indicates that you have read and agreed to this Code of Conduct.

Print Player’s Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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