



SIDELINE MANAGER

Job Description

First, thank you for taking on this role. We realize this important job may impact your ability to see your son or daughter play and you may have to deal with a difficult person. Please remember that this is about preserving the 'Culture of Lacrosse;' the reason we are here is for the kids to play and have fun. This Job Description gives a few basic ideas on your role as Sideline Manager and how to handle it.

Sideline Manager: Your role is to maintain a positive and sportsmanlike environment around your team's fan side of the playing field and in the bleachers. The officials will handle on-field sportsmanship issues. You are the '**first line of defense**' in managing poor fan behavior.

- Start of Game;
 - Your coach should introduce you to your team and explain as to why you are there and your role during the game.
 - Identify yourself as the Sideline Manager for your team at the Coin Toss to the Game Officials.
 - Resume your presence on the fan sideline or in the bleachers.
- Behavior that does not 'Honor the Game' includes;
 - Entering the field of play, bench or table area.
 - Throwing objects onto the field.
 - Continued berating of officials or others involved with the game.
 - Verbal threats of bodily harm, injury or death.
 - The use of obscene or highly abusive language.
 - Fighting.
- Intervention;
 - In a calm manner remind offending parties that in our league we 'Honor the Game' and show respect to officials, coaches and/or players by not shouting from the sideline.
 - Hand the person the sportsmanship card and walk away.
- Continued bad behavior by offending fan;
 - The **second line of defense** is to notify officials of the continued poor behavior by the offending fan. You can do this by speaking with the officials at the end of the quarter or at half-time. In extreme circumstances, you can request the table blow the horn at a dead-ball/on a whistle to signal the officials.
 - The official will notify your Head Coach of the situation and request assistance.
 - The **third line of defense** rests with the officials in managing the fan with either a warning or ejection from the premises.

Please remember to respect personal space as you do not want to escalate the situation or create another incident. Do not place yourself at risk! If you need help, get back up from the officials.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring a positive fan experience for our players and fans.



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