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ALA Code of Conduct

Members of the ALA

The 2010 season has seen numerous incidents of Code of Conduct violations. These violations have occurred on the floor, in dressing rooms and in board rooms. As President of the ALA, I would like to remind everyone of the *ALA Code of Conduct*. The *ALA Code of Conduct* states:

All Members, Members of Members, Lacrosse Teams, Players, Coaches, Managers, Trainers, and Officials shall:

- (a) Attempt at all times to work toward the goals and objectives of the ALA and the game of Lacrosse, and towards the betterment of its members;
- (b) **strive to heighten the image and dignity of the ALA and the sport of Lacrosse as a whole, and to refrain from behavior which may discredit or embarrass the ALA or the Game;**
- (c) **always be courteous and objective in dealings with others;**
- (d) **except when made through proper channels, refrain from unfavorable criticism of others;**
- (e) strive to achieve excellence in the sport while supporting the concepts of Fair Play and a Drug-Free sport;
- (f) show respect for the cultural, social and political values of all participants in the sport; and
- (g) as a guest in a foreign country, other province abide by the laws of the host and adhere to any social customs concerning conduct. **[emphasis added]**

This Code of Conduct applies to behaviour on and off the floor. All ALA Members, Club members, Coaches and players are to show respect for officials and the calls that are made. Dressing rooms are to be left clean and neat. Directors of the ALA and all those involved in the governance of our game are to show respect for each other.

If fair play and respect do not prevail, the *Spirit of Lacrosse*, which includes the following, will not be honoured:

Strong Minds – the development of confidence, a positive self-image and the ability to use mental training to their advantage.

Strong Spirit – the development of a positive code of ethics and the ability to play fair.

Please keep this in mind when you are speaking or writing and in all your actions.

Thank you.

Yours in Lacrosse,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Talbot".

Keith Talbot
ALA PRESIDENT