



## VULS Youth Ultimate - Junior Club Player Conduct Policy

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### 1. Scope

- a. This policy defines for parents and players the expected behavior of all participants in the Vancouver Ultimate League Society's Youth Ultimate Club team program (the "Program"). This policy includes but is not limited to the BC Ultimate Championships, the Canadian Ultimate Championships, and all other practices, tournaments, games, exhibitions, demonstrations, seminars, camps and training sessions included in the Program.
- b. A youth/junior player (the "Player(s)") is defined as being 18 years of age and under by December 31 of the current calendar year.
- c. Players are expected to follow this policy from the moment that a parent(s) or legal guardian(s) hands over custody of their child to the Program coach(es) and chaperones for the purpose of participating in the Program until said child is returned to the parent(s) or legal guardian(s). If a parent or legal guardian is a coach or chaperone then this policy should be followed once the coach or chaperone has taken responsibility of additional team members for the purpose of participating in the Program, and ends when all other team members under the care of the coach or chaperone have been returned to their parent(s) or legal guardian(s).
- d. All players participating in the Program must represent the sport of Ultimate and this program in a respectable manner at all times, both on and off the field of play. This includes at playing fields, at meals or gatherings during tournaments, in arranged accommodation, and generally when representing the Program, the Vancouver Ultimate League Society (VUL), and the sport of Ultimate.
- e. This form must be completed and submitted by players that wish to participate in the Program. If a player is under the age of 18 a parent or legal guardian must also sign the form.

### 2. Player Expectations

- a. Players will act in a manner that follows the *Spirit of the Game* on and off the field and in online and social media postings.
- b. Players will represent themselves, the sport of ultimate and VUL to the public in an appropriate manner. They will not engage in activities that could bring the VUL or the sport of ultimate into disrepute.
- c. Players will not engage in illegal conduct.
- d. Players will not use electronic cigarettes (vaping), consume alcohol, tobacco, cannabis or illegal drugs.
- e. Players will not vandalize, deface, or permanently change the appearance of property.
- f. Players will not engage in any inappropriate sexual activity.
- g. Players will not create disturbances that negatively affect local residents, property or privacy. This includes late-night parties, offensive language, and indecent behavior.
- h. Players must follow the policies of any events they attend as part of participating in the Program.
- i. Players will respect and be courteous to the organizers and volunteers of all events and programs they attend.
- j. Players will refrain from any actions that constitute discrimination, harassment or abuse toward other players, coaches, chaperones, volunteers, etc. This includes, but is not limited to any objectionable or offensive comment(s), actions(s) or display(s) that intimidate, threaten, demean, belittle or cause personal embarrassment or humiliation to another person. Examples may include wearing clothes exhibiting racist slogans or designs, playing vulgar, sexist, or racist music, and using discriminatory vocabulary.

All rules of conduct stated above are to be adhered to by all participants involved with a team representing the Program at any event wherever that event is held.

### 3. Repercussions

- a. If any part(s) of this policy are not adhered to by the player, the VUL reserves the right to suspend the player from further involvement in part or all of the Program. This action may be taken by the Program Coordinators, the Youth Program Manager, or another representative assigned by the Executive Director, and they may direct the suspended player to immediately leave all related facilities.
- b. For tournaments away from home, this may result in the offending player(s) being sent home from the event at the expense of the player's family. Suspended players would remain the responsibility of the chaperones until they are on suitable transportation home (plane, bus, taxi, etc.)
- c. Any junior player who is suspended risks being prohibited from participating in future events or programs under the jurisdiction of the VULS, including both junior and adult programs.



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- d. The Program Coordinators and Youth Program Manager, in consultation with other coaches,
- e. chaperones, and event organizers, will determine the length of the suspension.
- f. The Program Coordinators and Youth Program Manager reserve the right to impose a suspension longer than one year of play based on the severity of the infraction.
- g. Once the length of the suspension has expired, a player can apply to the Youth Program Manager for reinstatement. This application must be made in writing.

### 4. Appeal

- a. A player may file an appeal of their suspension to the VULS Executive Director. This application must be made in writing.

### 5. Consent

I acknowledge that I have read the VULS Club Player Conduct Policy. By signing this form, I understand that I am required to adhere to all expectations stated in this policy. I am also aware of possible repercussions if any of the policy expectations are not met.

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Athlete's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Event(s)

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Dates of event(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Athlete's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### Parent/Legal Guardian's Consent

I acknowledge that I have read the VULS Club Player Conduct Policy. By signing this form, I am stating that I am aware that my child is required to adhere to all expectations stated in this policy. I am also aware of possible repercussions if any of the policy expectations are not met.

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Parent's or legal guardian name

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Parent's or legal guardian signature (if under 18 years of age)

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Date