**SIDELINE MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION example**

Thank you for volunteering for this essential role! We understand that it may impact your ability to fully watch your child’s game, and you may need to navigate challenging situations. Your efforts are vital in preserving the culture of kids playing, learning, and having fun.

This guide outlines your responsibilities and provides tips to handle situations effectively. By fulfilling this role, you help create a positive environment that reflects the values of lacrosse and ensures that every participant can enjoy the game to its fullest. Thank you for your dedication and support!

Sideline manager role description

As a Sideline Manager, your responsibility is to maintain a positive and sportsmanlike environment around the field. While officials will manage on-field conduct, you ensure that behavior on the sidelines aligns with the values of respect and sportsmanship.

* Work alongside the opposing team’s Sideline Manager, coaches, officials, and all participants to uphold the "Honor the Game" philosophy.
* Feel free to communicate with the other Sideline Manager, officials, and coaches about concerns or incidents.
* If necessary, you may stop the game to address significant issues by asking the timer/scorer to sound the horn during a dead ball or whistle.

prohibited behaviors

Behavior that does not align with the "Honor the Game" values includes:

* Entering the field of play, bench, or scorer's table area without authorization.
* Throwing objects onto the field.
* Persistently berating officials, coaches, or others.
* Issuing verbal threats or using language implying harm or violence.
* Using obscene or abusive language.
* Fighting or physical altercations.

Intervention Guidelines:

When addressing unsportsmanlike behavior, follow these steps:

1. Start with a Calm Approach:

* Acknowledge their emotions: "You seem upset."
* Offer a reminder: "We respect the officials here, even if we disagree. Part of Honoring the Game is showing respect, even when we think a call is wrong."

1. Use Assertive Statements (if subtle intervention doesn’t work):

* "That’s not how we do things here."
* "Yelling at the official doesn’t Honor the Game."
* "This kind of behavior isn’t acceptable here."
* "We don’t allow that type of conduct in this environment."

1. Administer the Sportsmanship Card:

* If behavior persists, hand the person a sportsmanship card and walk away.
* Immediately inform the timer/scorer and ask them to signal the officials with a horn at a dead ball/on a whistle. Provide a detailed explanation of the situation to the officials, who will give further instructions.

Additional Tips:

* Safety First: Never put yourself at risk. Respect personal space to avoid escalating the situation.
* Stay Calm and Professional: Your demeanor sets the tone for resolution.
* Empower the Team: Use the support of your team, including other Sideline Managers and officials, to ensure fairness and consistency.