

Parent Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I therefore agree to the following:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports
2. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events
3. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults
4. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others
5. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league
6. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, or other sporting event
7. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and/or taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and/or wellbeing of the athletes
9. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
10. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability
11. I will teach my child that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that my child feels like a winner every time
12. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard and make my child feel like a winner every time
13. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition
14. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning
15. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win
16. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches on the team

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action in pursuant to **Article VIII of the WYF Parent’s Association Constitution** that could include, but is not limited to a:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file
- Parental season suspension