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## **WRD Parent/Guardian CODE OF CONDUCT, POLICY, AND RESPONSIBILITIES** **FOR ALL YOUTH SPORTS**

The following Sport Parent Code of Conduct has been compiled from the National Youth Sport Safety Foundation, the National High School Athletic Coaches Association and other national youth sports organizations with the overall wellbeing of our youth in mind.

Preamble-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."

As a Parent/Guardian of a player(s) participating in the Youth Sports Program I therefore agree:

- I will complete all necessary registration forms and submit all necessary fees in a timely manner to insure my child acceptance to the program(s).
- I will not force my child to participate in sports unwillingly.
- I will inform the WRD of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or others.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child and will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes. I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of **ALL** children ahead of **any** personal desires to win and remember that the games are for the children, **not the adults**.
- I will do my best to learn the rules of the game and the policies of WRD and will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent, or spectator such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language and gestures.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
- I will respect the coaches and officials and their authority during the games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game or field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will insist that my child be allowed to play in a safe, healthy, and positive environment and to demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, alcohol, foul and vulgar language, and I will refrain from the use at all youth sports events.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance, and I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard and make sure my child feels like a winner every time and never ridicule or yell at my child or any other child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will help my child enjoy the Youth Sports Program experience by doing whatever I can such as being a respectful fan, keeping stats/scores, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation when needed.
- I will earnestly urge that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach by attending any coaching clinics and that he/she upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics, Policy, and Responsibilities by WRD.
- I will report, in writing, any conduct by any player(s), coach, spectator, official, etc. that is in any way non-conducive to the code of ethics, policies and/or responsibilities set forth by the WRD or any other issues that the WRD staff or Board members should be aware of.
- I understand that without this dated and signed form on file my child's registration for, he/she will not be allowed to participate in any WRD sports program.

I understand and agree to this Code of Conduct and if I do not abide by, promote, and uphold such, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

\*Verbal warning by official, head coach and/or WRD field supervisor

\*Written Warning

\*Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file at WRD

\*Game forfeit through the official or coach

\*Parental season suspension

\*\*\*I understand that I have the right to appeal against any such decision within seven (7) days to the Mayor.

**Print Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_