

WEST CARROLLTON RECREATION ASSOCIATION
PARENTS CODE OF ETHICS

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six (6) 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:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youth, not the adults.
3. I will inform the coach/advisor of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. 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, cheerleaders, color guard members, coaches, advisors, board members, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kinds of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, advisor, football player, cheerleader, color guard member, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, cheerleaders, color guard members, coaches, advisors, coordinator, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will emphasize schoolwork over practice. If schoolwork becomes an issue, please discuss this with the coach/advisor.
11. I will drop off my child at practice/games on time and ready for practice/games. This is a life skill we want to teach them. I will pick up my child on time at the conclusion of practice/games.

12. In the event that my child will be absent from practice/game, I will notify the coach/advisor. Excessive absences may result in disciplinary action by the coach/advisor.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches/advisors at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches/advisors at an agreed upon time and place.
15. I will refrain from coaching/advising my child and other players, cheerleaders, color guard members during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches or advisors of the team.
16. I will not exercise my right to carry or conceal a firearm at any of the WCRA activities, allowed by me, under the conceal/carry law after proper certification.
17. All complaints must go through the head coach/advisor. If you are not satisfied with their response, you can contact the Director of Football/Cheerleading/Color Guard of that grade level.
18. I understand that my child will play a minimum of five (5) plays per half per game pursuant to WOJFC rules. Exception to this rule is disciplinary action, injury/illness, and/or refusal to play.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head or assistant coach, advisor, coordinator, and/or board member;
- Written warning;
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the league;
- Game forfeit through the official or coach;
- Parental season suspension.

Any situation that requires disciplinary action will be written, signed by the offender and to be kept on file for future reference.

Parent's Name (Print)

Parent's Signature

Child's Name

Date