



Waterloo Region Minor Football Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct

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

Every member of Waterloo Region Minor Football will therefore agree:

- I will not force my player/player to participate in sports.
- I will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my player or the safety of others and will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I will remember that players participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I and my guests will be a positive role model for my player and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators on or off the field, in every game, practice or other team related forum or event, including but not limited to methods of mass communication such as emails, online activities or in print.
- I and my guests will not engage in any kind of booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- 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.
- I will demand that my player treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will teach my player that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my player will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my player over winning.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my player or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will command a sports environment for my player that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my player or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will respect and abide by the instructions from and the decisions of the team's Therapists with respect to:
 - Concussion protocols, including removal from play, referral to other professionals (i.e. Sports Medicine Physicians), and all requirements of the return to play stages including documentation from other professionals and rest periods.
 - Injury decisions including removal from play reduced or modified participation, whether or not supportive taping is indicated, and referral to other professionals (i.e. physicians).
 - Safety instructions including implementation of thunder/lightning protocol, hydration and equipment recommendations and any other safety related situations.
- I understand that failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct could result in my removal from the team as per the WRMF Conduct and Ethics Policy and/or the Discipline and Complaints Policy.

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Player Name: _____

Parent/Agent Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Team Manager (Initial): _____