

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

New Jersey law allows municipalities to establish sportsmanship and fair play codes of conduct for players, parents, and coaches. The Washington Boro Recreation Department has established the following code for players.

I am playing sports because it is healthy and fun. I will always try to help my team be successful, but I also understand that losing can teach me valuable lessons, just as winning does. I will come to all games and practices full of enthusiasm, ready to learn, to improve my skills, and to try my hardest. By registering to play for this team, I have made a commitment to attend practices and games and display good sportsmanship. I understand that I cannot expect to receive as much playing time as other players if I do not meet these commitments. I also recognize that every child needs playing time and do not expect to play every minute of every game.

I will show respect and good sportsmanship to my fellow players, opposing players, coaches, referees and spectators. I will remind my family not to be angry and critical towards players, coaches, referees and spectators and to show respect and good sportsmanship at all times. I will try my best not to sound angry or frustrated when I give advice to my teammates. I understand that referees, players, and coaches try to do their best, but that they make mistakes just like I do.

I will follow the decisions of coaches and referees without criticizing them. I will not yell at, argue, spit, touch, shove, strike, kick, or threaten any coach, player, referee or spectator before, during, or after any game or practice. I also will not slam a ball or container, strike or throw any object or take any other act of aggression if I am upset at a coach, player, referee or spectator. I will not try to deliberately hurt another player, or deliberately behave poorly, at any practice or game. I will not use foul language or make abusive remarks or gestures to players, coaches, referees, and spectators at games and practices.

I will not have in my possession any tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, knives, guns or other weapons, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, during any game or practice. I will also remind members of my family not to use tobacco products or alcohol during any game or practice. I also pledge that I will not take any dietary supplements that could jeopardize my health.

I understand that I can be immediately removed from a practice or game, and expelled from my team for the remainder of the season, if I behave poorly or fail to follow any part of this code of conduct. I also understand that if I and my parent do not sign this document, I will not be allowed to play on the team.

Player's Signature

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature

Team

Sport / Division
