

West Blount Park Parent Code of Conduct

The West Blount Park Board has implemented the following Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand and sign this form.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games, or refusal to participate in sports at West Blount Park indefinitely.

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.”

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 youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical or mental 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, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent including but not limited to booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not use social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) to harass or talk negatively about officials, coaches, parents, or players.
8. I will follow the appropriate chain of command when addressing problems (i.e. Coach -> Commissioner -> Park Board)
9. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
10. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

11. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

12. 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.

13. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard.

14. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

15. 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.

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 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.

18. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Your signature below certifies that you have read the Parent Code of Conduct and understand the consequences that may be imposed by West Blount Park Board if you or your child acts in an improper manner.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____