



Woodcreek Little League Parent Code of Conduct

We, Woodcreek Little League, have implemented the following Parent 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 prior to their children participating in our league.

Any parent found to have engaged in improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from their child's next game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the forfeiture of the ability to attend games for the remainder of the season.

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
- 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 disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. If I have questions, I will refer to the rules of the game and the policies of the league first.
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 other events.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting 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, violence, or bullying.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will not feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will encourage skill development and improvement and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. 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.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or officials at the field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand an environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, & alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players from the stands during games & practices.

PARENT/CAREGIVER SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____