

## WSA Code of Conduct

### Introduction

The philosophy of the Wilton Soccer Association is that all its children play, have fun, and learn. While winning can be an important learning experience, winning at all costs is not in the best interest of the children. To keep fun, development, and winning in its proper perspective, the WSA has developed this code of conduct for its players, coaches, and family members. It applies to all WSA events (home or away), intramural or travel, including practices, games, tournaments, or other situations where teammates, coaches, referees, or managers are involved. It is the written agreement among the parents, the players, and the coaches, which the WSA hopes will enhance every participant's enjoyment in their soccer experience.

### Player Code of Conduct

I hereby pledge to follow this Code of Conduct. This Code of Conduct applies to all practices, games, tournaments and any other CJSA and WSA events.

I will do my best to:

- Display good sportsmanship. I will play fairly and observe the rules of the game. I will respect my coach, teammates, officials, and spectators. I will win with grace and accept defeat with dignity.
- Listen and learn from my coach. I will do my best to improve as a soccer player and give my best at all practices and games.
- Remember to work with my teammates and understand that together we form a team where everyone is equal. I will place the emotional and physical well being of other players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- Attend every practice and game that I can, and be responsible for notifying my coach or manager if I can't attend a practice or game.
- Be prepared for practice and games by having my uniform, cleats, shin guards, ball, and water bottle.
- Accept the Referee's decisions without argument. Referees are there to maintain discipline and fair play

I will encourage my family to help as WSA volunteers in any way that they can because I want and need their support!

Player name: \_\_\_\_\_

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parent Code of Conduct**

I understand that as the parent (s)/guardian of a child who participates in the WSA, I am bound by the WSA Code of Conduct and accordingly;

- I will teach my child to play by the rules. I will place the emotional and physical well being of all players and spectators ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will help my child work toward skill improvement and sportsmanship. I will not criticize or permit or encourage my child to criticize any persons including players, managers, coaches, referees or spectators at any practices, games, tournaments, or WSA events.
- I agree that I will not coach from the sideline or the stands. I will set a good example by only speaking positively about my child's team and teammates. I understand that only WSA- appointed team coach(es) may coach at games or practices, and that the team manager may administer to the needs of the team and to help the coach keep the team in order. I will stay on the side of the field opposite the players during the entire game and halftime.
- I will make every effort to have my child at all the practices on time as requested by the team. I will give both the coach and if a travel team, team manager, advance warning if my child can't attend a practice or a game. I will make every effort to have my child prepared for practice/game by having his/her uniform, cleats, shin guards, ball, and water bottle.
- I understand the importance of respecting the judgment and expertise of my child's coach(es) when it comes to positions and playing time.
- I understand that disagreements with a coach or official do not belong on the soccer field. I will raise questions, input and positive suggestions to the coach and/or WSA in an adult atmosphere
- I understand that if my child or I have an issue with one of the coaches or another team related matter, I will address it by observing the proper chain of communication. FIRST, I will speak with the coach, but if I am unsuccessful, then I will go to the league director or VP of Travel. If the situation fails resolution at that time, I will petition the WSA Board of Directors or its designated sub-committee for resolution.
- I will do my best to support the program by assisting in any volunteer capacity

The Board of Directors has the authority to discipline, suspend or terminate the membership of any member should the conduct of such person be considered to be detrimental to the best interests of the WSA. The member will be notified in writing regarding the general nature of the charges and an appropriate meeting date to be given an opportunity to appear at the meeting to answer such charges.

It is with the spirit of cooperation and betterment of the WSA program that I willingly participate in this contract and program. It is with the continued cooperation and support of WSA parents that will facilitate the ongoing success of the program.

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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