

# Codes of Conduct

## WYAA PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT | BASEBALL COMETS AND METEORS

Player's responsibilities are simple; be respectful of others, be responsible, play fair, always do your best, and always exhibit good sportsmanship. As a Westland Youth Athletic Association participant, I hereby pledge that I will:

- Encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents.
  - Be a team player and support my teammates.
  - Be on time and attend every practice and game that I can and will notify my coaches if I cannot.
  - Work hard to improve my skills.
  - Do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
  - Encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity.
  - Congratulate the other team after each game as a demonstration of good sportsmanship.
  - Refrain from using violence, unfriendly language, or insults to others.
  - Be generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
  - Obey the rules of the game and always work for the good of the team.
  - Accept the decisions of the officials with grace and never challenge or question calls. Refrain from challenging or questioning on-field calls by officials and/or managers and coaches.
  - Conduct myself with integrity, honor, and dignity.
  - Applaud the efforts of my teammates and opponents.
  - Use and/or possession of drugs, alcohol, and/or tobacco or any paraphernalia is cause for immediate dismissal from the program.
  - WYAA prohibits and will not tolerate acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyberbullying. Harassment, intimidation or bullying includes gestures, videos, posting, texting, name calling or any other action that is meant to demean another person. This applies to all in person, electronic, verbal and written communication.
  - Participants are subject to immediate suspension or permanent termination if you are responsible for making disparaging, threatening, offensive, retaliatory or otherwise inappropriate comments made about the league, any board member, any director/coach, any parent or any player on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, SnapChat or any other social networking site.
- I also agree that if I fail to abide by the rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action by the WYAA Board of Directors and could include but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Player suspension for games
- Player suspension for season including postseason
- Player being expelled from the league

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## WYAA Parent Code of conduct

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports activities including practices and events.

I will remember that the game is for youth-not for adults.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, sexual orientation or ability.

I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, volunteering, or providing transportation.

I understand that no one is allowed within the practice area unless they are a coach, player or staff

I will not confront a coach during practice or a game. Parents or spectators are not allowed to interrupt practices or games to speak with the coaching staff. Any concerns I have should be directed to the head coach, who will inform the staff members of the concern requiring their immediate attention. All conversations with the coaching staff are to be pre-arranged & at the coaches availability before or after practice

As a parent/guardian I will be responsible for making sure my child makes all practices & games unless arrangements are made in advance and will make sure my child is picked up promptly after practices or games.

I will refrain from any Verbal Threats, derogatory remarks, signage or actions, in any manner regarding other parents, coaches, players, staff, referees or other teams.

I will remember that I am a youth sports parent, and that the game is for all children and not adults or just my child.

I will also follow the WYAA Adult Code of Conduct set below

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## WYAA Adult Code of Conduct

In order to uphold the goals of the Westland Youth Athletic Association (WYAA) to ensure that all participants have the benefit of a safe and fun learning environment, all parents' guardians, coaches and other adults and attendees of any WYAA event, including but not limited to practices, competitions, and banquets, must behave accordingly in a respectful, courteous and sportsmanlike manner at all times. Any adult who is using alcohol, and/or tobacco products (alcohol, and/or tobacco may be permitted at WYAA fund raising events where minors are not present, operate within the legal rights of local municipalities, and event is E-Board approved), and/or non-prescription drugs and /or appears intoxicated or under the influence of any drugs at any WYAA event (events are WYAA titled or sanctioned activity at a specific location) and/or who is flagrantly rude, attempts to intimidate, verbally abuse, heckles, taunts, ridicules, throwing of objects and/or uses vulgarity or profane language/gestures with an official, coach, volunteer, WYAA staff member, participant or other event attendee, will be asked to leave the WYAA event. A refusal to leave will result in the adult's children being removed from the event and may also include a forfeiture of that event giving the opposing team the win. Any adult who physically assaults or threatens an official, coach, volunteer, WYAA staff member, participant or any attendees will be banned from any and all WYAA programs and events up to one year from the date of the offense, and their children may also be removed from any and all WYAA programs and events. If violation of ban occurs during ban the e-board will increase the suspension as they see fit. After the ban has expired, if the individual commits another offence the individual will be permanently banned from any and all WYAA programs and events and the individual's children may also be permanently removed from any WYAA programs and events.

I/We hereby understand and acknowledge that as a parent/guardian of a WYAA event or program participant it is my responsibility to comply with all rules and regulations stipulated, adopted, or recognized by WYAA or any of its member organizations, including but not limited to the Adult Code of conduct, Coaches Code of Conduct, Parent Code of conduct or Player Code of Conduct. I/we also understand by violating any WYAA Code of Conducts I/we have waived all rights of an appeal/R&E process. I/we also understand any non-compliance with any and all rules and regulation may be cause for discipline and/or dismissal of my child/the participant, myself and/or any spectators or other persons affiliated with the undersigned and the below named participant. By my signature below, I hereby stipulate that I have read, fully understand, and voluntarily agree to all of the above.

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## WYAA Coaches Code of Conduct

Each coach is responsible to see that their assistant coaches, players, and spectators abide by the respective Codes of Conducts. I hereby pledge that as a coach for the WYAA:

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.

I will know and abide by all league and competition rules. I will instruct players in the rules and coach the team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire to win.

I will fairly evaluate and play all the participants through the course of a practice or game and subject to specific program rules.

I will not show favoritism towards a family member and/or participant, nor will I have an alternative agenda when evaluating, playing or instructing a participant.

I will conduct myself in such a manner as to not place myself in a compromising position or place the team or WYAA at risk.

I will respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decisions in a disrespectful or abusive manner

I will respect the coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion win or lose

I will treat each player, opposing coach, parent, administrator and board member with respect and dignity.

I will teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud, courteous and gracious in defeat

I will maintain control of my emotions and avoid actions, language and gestures that may be interpreted as humiliating, demeaning, bullying, discriminating or harassing

I will realize, accept and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy and manner both on and off the field.

I will be responsible for the positive and ethical promotion of the program

I will not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol or use tobacco in the presence of players or while participating in any capacity as the coach. I will not be in possession of any alcohol or drugs at practice, game fields or competitions nor will I use any form of tobacco while on the field of play, during games, scrimmages or competitions.

I will take care of and return all equipment that I use during the course of the season.

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