



Westminster Warriors Soccer Club

Policy 006 – Codes of Conduct

Players Code of Conduct

- Arrive for training and matches in good time to prepare thoroughly.
- Play for your own fun and enjoyment and the love of the game - not just to please your parents and coach.
- Learn and play by the rules
- Never argue with a referee or assistant referee (official) – use your energies for playing better. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or team manager approach the official on your behalf, during the break or after the completion of the match.
- Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, or deliberately fouling, distracting or provoking an opponent, are all unacceptable behaviours and not permitted in soccer.
- Be a good sport - win with modesty, lose with dignity. Recognise and applaud all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition.
- Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player or competitor.
- Co-operate with your coach, team mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team – your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants, regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Always thank officials and opponents at the end of every game.



Parents Code of Conduct

- Remember that children play football for their enjoyment, not yours. If a child is reluctant to play, encourage but do not force them.
- Praise your child's efforts and performance, whether they win or lose.
- Assist in setting realistic personal goals related to his/her ability.
- Encourage children to always play according to the laws of the game and to settle disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Remember that children learn best by example. Applaud good performances and skilful plays by both teams.
- Encourage children to recognise the value of an honest effort so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise. Show your appreciation of volunteers, coaches, officials and administrators – without them, your child could not participate.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities.



Spectators Code of Conduct

- Remember that children play organised sports for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- Applaud good performances and efforts by your team and the opponents. Congratulate both teams on their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a game. Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from all sporting activities.
- Respect all officials' decisions and at all times demonstrate appropriate social sporting behaviour and teach children to do the same.
- Encourage players to always play by the rules and accept the officials' decisions.
- Zero tolerance for alcohol being consumed at any field, anytime.



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Coach's Code of Conduct

- Set a good example which others can follow.
- Arrive in plenty of time to set up your activities and ensure safety. Also ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players.
- Remember that children play for fun, pleasure and enjoyment and that winning is only part of the fun.
- Keep yourself informed about sound coaching practices and the principles of children's growth and development.
- Be reasonable in your demands on children's time, energy and enthusiasm - they need other interests too.
- The successful coach invests in the well-being and interests of their players, not their win/loss record.
- Avoid overplaying the talented players. The just average players need and deserve equal time.
- Teach your team that honest effort is more important than victory so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
- Never ridicule or shout at a child for making a mistake or losing a game.
- Teach players to be fair, to follow rules and develop team respect for the ability of opponents and for the judgements of officials and opposing coaches.
- Whenever possible, group players to ensure that everyone has a reasonable chance of success.
- Divide your time equally between all standards of players.
- Ensure you and your players have respect for their opponents, the officials and opposing coaches and supporters.
- Follow advice from a professional when determining if an injured player is ready to recommence playing or training.
- Take responsibility for the young people in your care until they have safely left the activity.
- Coaches are not to smoke cigarettes whilst undertaking their duties at training or fixture matches.



Official's Code of Conduct

- Modify rules and regulations to match the skill levels and the needs of children.
- Compliment and encourage all participants.
- Be consistent, fair, objective and courteous when making decisions.
- Condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for all participants.
- Emphasise the spirit of the game, rather than errors.
- Promoting the values of sport, good sportsmanship and respect for all persons above winning and losing.
- Honouring and respecting the spirit of the sport.
- Encourage and promote rule changes, which will make participation more enjoyable.
- Be a good sport yourself. Actions speak louder than words. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
- Keep up to date with the latest trends in officiating and knowledge of children's growth and development.
- Prioritising the safety and welfare of participants.
- Respecting the rights, dignity and worth of all persons involved in the game regardless of their gender, ability, ethnicity or religion.
- Zero tolerance for alcohol being consumed at any field, anytime.



Administrator's Code of Conduct

- Involve mature young people in the planning, leadership, evaluation and decision-making related to our sport.
- Give all children equal opportunities to participate.
- Ensure that rules, equipment, length of games and training schedules suit the age, ability and maturity level of players.
- Provide appropriate supervision and quality instruction for all players.
- Remember that children participate for enjoyment. Do not over-emphasise awards.
- Help coaches and officials highlight appropriate behaviour, skill development and help improve the standards of coaching and officiating.