

## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

*New Jersey law allows municipalities to establish sportsmanship and fair play codes of conduct for players, parents, and coaches. The Washington Borough Recreation Department has established the following code for parents.*

I will show respect and good sportsmanship to all players, opposing players, coaches, referees and spectators. I will remind my child and members of my family not to be angry and critical towards players, coaches, referees or spectators and to show respect and good sportsmanship at all times. I understand that referees, players, and coaches try to do their best, but that they make mistakes just like I do.

I will follow the decisions of coaches and referees without criticizing them. I will not yell at, argue, spit, touch, shove, strike, kick, or threaten any coach, player, referee or spectator before, during, or after any game or practice. I will not strike or throw any object or take any other act of aggression if I am upset at a coach, player, referee or spectator. I will not try to deliberately hurt another person, or deliberately behave poorly, at any practice or game. I will not use foul language or make abusive remarks or gestures to players, coaches, referees, and spectators at games and practices.

I will not have in my possession any tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, knives, firearms or other weapons, or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs, during any game or practice. I will not smoke or use any tobacco products at any game or practice. I pledge that my child is not using dietary supplements that could jeopardize his or her health.

By registering my child for the team, I have made a commitment for my child to attend practices and games and display good sportsmanship. I cannot expect my child to receive as much playing time as other players if I do not meet these commitments. I recognize that every child needs playing time and do not expect my child to play every minute of every game.

I understand that I can be immediately removed from a practice or game, and that I and/or my child can be expelled from the team for the remainder of the season, if I behave poorly or fail to follow any part of this pledge. I understand that failure to sign this document and the accompanying PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT will automatically preclude my child from participating in sporting activities sponsored by the Washington Borough Recreation Department.

**Parent / Legal Guardian Name**

**Signature**

**Date**

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**Team**

**Sport / Division**

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