

Parent and Player Code of Conduct

The Washtenaw Blue Junior Wolverines are committed to providing a safe and fun learning environment for our youth football players and cheerleaders. We will do our best to create an opportunity for kids to work together as a team toward common goals. **We emphasize sportsmanship, teamwork, responsibility, commitment, and respect.**

Washtenaw Blue will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse of its volunteer coaches, referees, or players from any adult, player or cheerleader. Should any player/cheerleader violate the Code of Conduct, Washtenaw Blue reserves the right to discipline the player/cheerleader up to and including reduced playing time, suspension, or expulsion.

Family members and guests at any Washtenaw Blue event, including games, practices, cheer competitions, social events or any other sanctioned gatherings are responsible for adhering to this Code of Conduct and may be removed at the sole discretion of the Organization.

Parent or Guardian Code of Conduct:

- I will commit to supporting the organization through my child's attendance at all mandatory practices, games, cheer competitions and other events.
- In the event that my child has an unavoidable commitment or illness that prevents their attendance, I will communicate this information with the coaches as early as is practical.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by **demonstrating positive support** for all participants, coaches, officials, board members, and staff at all league events.
- I will encourage a balanced lifestyle for my child between sports, education, and other interests.
- I will place the emotional, psychological, and physical well-being of my child, and any other child in the league ahead of any personal desires I may have.
- I will support all coaches, board members, and others working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for them, not adults.
- I will ask my child to treat other participants, coaches, board members, parents, and spectators with respect, regardless of race, gender, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will, along with any guest of mine, refrain from any vulgar, lewd, or obscene language or gestures while participating in, or watching any league events.
- I will respect the coaches' right to coach. I will offer no interference whatsoever during the course of practice or games. Should I have a concern, I will wait for the appropriate time in which to consult with the coach or turn my attention to the Board of Directors or President, to express my concerns. Any game or practice issues concerning playing time, positioning or management, will not be addressed by the coaching staff within 24 hours preceding and 24 hours following any game, scrimmage, or other competition.
- I understand that only the coaches, registered players and approved volunteers are allowed on the field during all practices, games, and league events. Parents or Guardians are encouraged to attend all practices, games and league events, but must observe from an area designated for spectators.
- I will fulfill my responsibilities of volunteering for game day duties.
- I will pick up and return equipment when requested to do so.
- I will work with my player to ensure that all equipment is properly maintained.

Player Code of Conduct:

- I will always demonstrate good sportsmanship and respect for other players, coaches, officials, and parents.
- I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches.
- I deserve to have fun during my football/cheer experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I understand that an unexcused absence may result in discipline, suspension, or reduced playing time.
- I will do my best in school and understand that school will always come before sports.
- I will not use profanity or taunt others.
- I will never purposely engage in an act to physically hurt another.
- I will always do my best to practice and play the game of football within the rules.
- I will always be a good teammate that will show support and never criticize others.
- If I have an unsportsmanlike event, it may result in disciplinary action, removal from the event or suspension.
- I will respect, protect and maintain my equipment and uniform.
- I will be responsible for the safe keeping and care of all equipment/uniform that I am loaned each season.
- I will conduct myself in a way that presents a positive image for the Washtenaw Blue Jr. Wolverines and myself on and off the field.
- I will be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- I understand that if I fail to abide by these codes of conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action; including suspension, expulsion, reduced playing time or other disciplinary action as deemed appropriate by the coaches and / or The Board of Directors.

Consequences

Coaching staff and the board have both the authority and responsibility to enforce this Code of Conduct.

At any WJF event, practice, or competition, anyone who verbally abuses, attempts to intimidate, is flagrantly rude to, or does not control their language or actions with a player, official, coach, or other spectator, will be asked to leave the event. If the person fails to leave upon request, law enforcement authorities will be called to remove said person.

Any person that conducts his or herself in a manner not consistent with the spirit of this Code of Conduct may be banned from WJF events for the remainder of that season and any future season. Law enforcement authorities will be called to remove any adult who physically assaults an official, coach, official, player, participant or another spectator. Said adult will be banned from WJF events. After one year, the adult may apply to the Board of Directors for reinstatement. The WJF Board may, at its discretion, lift the ban.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Player Signature _____ **Date** _____