

WAA Code of Conduct

The purpose of this Wheatland Athletic Association's (WAA) Code of Conduct is to protect the program participants, reiterate the lessons of good sportsmanship, support our coaches, and positively encourage our players.

This document outlines WAA's expectations for its participants, coaches, and parents. When you register your participant in WAA programs, you agree to the Code of Conduct set forth in this document.

Failure to abide by the rules and guidelines in this document will be cause for disciplinary action from WAA for either the coach, parent, or player, that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Ejection from a game,
- Suspension from future game(s),
- Verbal and/or written warning from a WAA Director or from the WAA Board of Directors, or
- Lifetime suspension.

These disciplinary actions may supplement any actions taken by the referee/official/umpire at the respective game, and may supersede any code of conduct guidelines set forth in the rules for individual WAA sports programs.

Instances where any player, coach, parent, or spectator is removed from a game for flagrant, aggressive misconduct – such as verbally or physically attacking a player, coach, opponent, spectator, or official – will result in immediate suspension for the next contest. In these instances of flagrant, aggressive misconduct, WAA Sport Director(s) will follow up with parties involved in the altercation, and, pending this review, may take additional disciplinary action.

All violations will be kept on file by WAA and legal action will be taken if necessary. Disciplinary action will be solely determined by the WAA Board of Directors, Sport Directors, and staff as necessary. All decisions are final.

The respective referees/officials/umpires are expected to enforce the game rules in accordance with those governing each WAA program and have been notified of this Code of Conduct. Furthermore, all WAA Board Members, Sport Directors, and staff are considered representatives of the organization and, when present at WAA events, are considered officials and have the right to enforce violations of the Code of Conduct.

Coach

- I will be a positive role model for my team by learning and following the rules of the game/league; encouraging sportsmanlike conduct; and, showing respect, courtesy, and positive support of the players, officials, opponents, and spectators at each game and practice.
- I will not engage in, or encourage, any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct. I will respect the officials at all times, and will teach my players to do so as well. I will respect our opponents—both the players and coaches, and will teach my players to do so as well.
- I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun and will work to organize practices that are fun and challenging to my players. I will treat each player as an individual and consider the large range of emotional and physical development for the age group.
- I will teach my team that doing one's best, and working as a team, are the most important goals of youth sports.
- I will do my best to allow all participants fair play time, keeping in mind the level of play and participant attendance and abilities.
- I will only use social media in a positive manner, and encourage my players and parents to do the same.
- I will only use WAA provided rosters, email lists, and contact information for WAA specific and approved uses and will not use the information for solicitation, recruiting, or sale under penalty of law.
- I will submit my information in a timely manner for required background checks no less than once every three years or as requested by WAA.
- I will never physically, sexually, or verbally abuse any player, coach, official or parent. I will never be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while participating in a WAA event. I will never use tobacco products at any WAA event.

Parent or Guardian

- I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and positive support for all players, coaches, officials, parents, and spectators at every game and practice.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent, or spectator.
- I will use appropriate language and exhibit appropriate behavior.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and follow the player's Code of Conduct. To the best of my ability, I will attend and bring my participant to games, practices and team events.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best and working as a team is more important than winning.
- I will only use social media in a positive manner and encourage my child to do the same.
- I will inform the coach of any physical limitations that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during the games and practices (unless I am the team coach).
- I will only use any WAA provided rosters, email lists, and contact information for WAA specific and approved uses and will not use the information for solicitation, recruiting or sale, under penalty of law.
- I will never physically, sexually, or verbally abuse any player, coach, official, or parent.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child and other children that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use before and at all WAA events.

Player

- I will learn the rules of the sport and follow them to the best of my ability.
- I will respect my coach, be courteous, listen, and perform to the best of my ability. I will respect my teammates, and treat them the way I would like to be treated. I will attend team practices and games to the best of my ability.
- I will respect my opponents, both before, during, and after the contest, including being respectful during the post-game handshake line, and treating them the way I would like to be treated.
- I will respect the officials and let them do their job.
- I will use appropriate language, compete fairly, and demonstrate good sportsmanship regardless of the score and if my team wins or not.
- I will only use social media in a positive manner.
- I will never physically, sexually, or verbally abuse any player, coach, opponent, official, or spectator.
- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use before and at all WAA events.

I acknowledge that I have read, fully understand, and agree to abide by the Wheatland Athletic Association Code of Conduct. Furthermore, I acknowledge that I have reviewed this Code of Conduct with my participant and other related parties that will attend WAA practices, games or events.

Agreed to on _____

By: _____ (signature) Check: _____ Coach _____ Guardian _____ Player

Name: _____ (printed) Team: _____