

WAA Code of Conduct

The Purpose of the Wheatland Athletic Association's Code of Conduct is to protect the children who participate in our programs and to teach the lessons of good sportsmanship. At Wheatland Athletic Association, we realize that we have some of the most dedicated and helpful volunteers any organization could hope to have. We want to continue to support our coaches and positively encourage our players.

This document was prepared to outline the Association's expectations from its participants, coaches and parents. When you register your child to participate in the Wheatland Athletic Association programs, you agree to the code of conduct set forth in this document.

In order to keep participation in WAA sports a rewarding experience for all those involved, failure to abide by the rules and guidelines in this document will be cause for disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or director of the league
- Written warning from WAA Director or Board of Directors
- Suspension for a minimum of one game, up to lifetime suspension from all WAA programs for parent, spectator, volunteer and/or participant

All violations will be kept on file by Wheatland Athletic Association and legal action will be taken if necessary. WAA Board Members, Sport Directors and staff represent the organization and are considered officials at WAA events and have the right to enforce violations of the code of conduct. Disciplinary action will be determined by the Wheatland Athletic Association's Board of Directors. All decisions are final.

Coach

I will be a positive role model for my team by learning and following the rules of the game/league, encouraging sportsmanlike conduct, showing respect, courtesy and positive support of the players, officials, other coaches and spectators at each game and practice ; I will not engage in or encourage any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct; 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 players to respect the officials and I will respect the officials at all times; 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 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 complete a background check 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 and courtesy, and by demonstrating 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 teach my child to play by the rules and follow the player's code of conduct. I will supervise my child as necessary and support the team volunteers. 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 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 sports 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 all other players the way I would like to be treated; I will respect my opponents. I will respect the officials and let them do their job; I will compete fairly and demonstrate good sportsmanship no matter if my team wins or not; I will only use social media in a positive manner.