

W.C.S.L. Parents Code of Conduct

The members of the Board of Directors of the Westchester Catholic Sports League believe that athletics is an integral part of a total education program and helps develop the physical and emotional characteristics of the students. In keeping with the league's philosophy, high standards of behavior are important to a sound athletic program. Participation in the W.C.S.L. is a privilege. All parents must assume the responsibilities of this privilege and are required to meet and maintain the expectations of this code of conduct.

Behavior Expectations

Parents represent not only themselves but their school and their parish community. Parents are expected to behave in a professional, sportsman and Catholic manner at all times and must respect the other team and referees. Poor sportsmanship, such as negative language, booing, and ridiculing, will not be tolerated.

Parents will display control, dignity and respect at all times. Parents will exhibit standards of good sportsmanship at all times being a positive representative of their school, and the sport of basketball. Your example is powerful, for better or worse. If you support the referee, your children will notice. If you criticize the referee harshly your children will notice. Parents will accept decisions of game officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability.

Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the children than winning the game. Remember players are involved in basketball for fun and enjoyment.

Be a positive role model to ALL players, display emotional maturity. Be optimistic, share the joy of life. Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent, honest, fair and just. DO NOT criticize players from any team they have feelings. At no time during the course of the game will a coach parent or adult spectators use profanity.

Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays for both teams. Children have more need for example the criticism. Don't embarrass your child or any other child by verbally abusing/insulting players, coaches, other parents or officials. Children learn by example.

Be kind to ALL coaches. The coach is an adult giving of personal time to provide a recreational activity for your child. The coach is providing valuable community service. Leave the coaching to the coaches. If a play has too many coaches it is confusing to all of the players and their overall performance will decline.

At no time during the course of a game will a parent confront a coach or official for ANY reason. Unless it is considered to be an emergency. Parents may not involve themselves in a discussion of the rules or calls made by games officials. The officials are qualified professionals who should be shown complete respect on and off the court.

If you have a problem or question please notify your schools director and let the league handle the matter properly. Never confront an official this will NOT BE TOLERATED.

The W.C.S.L. will not tolerate physical or verbal abuse of any of its players, coaches, or officials. Consequences for violating any of the above will include ejection from the gym. A parent who is asked to leave the gym should do so quietly and respectfully, not only have you embarrassed yourself you have also embarrassed your child. When a parent is ejected from the gym their child must leave with them.

The W.C.S.L. board of directors recognizing recidivistic behavior and varying degrees of severity and the types of misconduct, each situation will be considered individually and the Board of Directors will determine an appropriate course of action to be taken.

Parents will not participate or condone any action which is illegal under either the civil or criminal code.

Every Parent must sign and return this page of the W.C.S.L. Coach's Code of Conduct contract as an acknowledgment and acceptance of the code, in order to attend league events.

Westchester Catholic Sports League Parent's Code of Conduct

School: _____ Child's name: _____

I, _____ (Mom)
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I, _____ (Dad)
Print

Have read, understand, and agree to the W.C.S.L. Parent's Code of Conduct.

I know that my behavior helps set the pace for everyone's, attitude and performance. I promise to respect all players, coaches and referees and to encourage all children to play their best at all times.

I will discuss the Code of Conduct with my child and I will ensure that ANY family member or friend in attendance at a league event is made aware of the code of conduct. I further understand that I will be held in violation of the code of conduct should above mentioned persons violate the code.

I understand that the education and well-being of each child is a partnership among parents, teachers, and coaches. I promise to bring to the attention of the Board of Directors any behavior or circumstance that may be deemed inappropriate or out-of-the-ordinary.

I have chosen to have my child participate in the Westchester Catholic Sports League, and have subsequently agreed to adhere to the Parent's Code of Conduct.

I understand that I am accountable for all of my actions.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Mom

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Dad

Proverbs 22:1 A good name is to be more desired than great riches, favor is better than silver or gold.

Proverbs 20:11 It is by his deeds that one distinguishes himself, if conduct is pure and right.

Proverbs 21:23 He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles

Mathew 7:12 We should treat other as we want to be treated.