

WAA Code of Conduct

The mission of Wheatland Athletics is to provide quality athletic opportunities and experiences that enhance a sense of community, and provide a fun and safe environment for volunteers, families, and participants of all ages and abilities. The purpose of Wheatland Athletic Association's (WAA) Code of Conduct is to support that mission by requiring a fun and safe environment for all involved in WAA programs and to enhance our overall community by reiterating the importance of good sportsmanship, positivity, and cooperation. When you register your participant in WAA programs, you agree to the Code of Conduct set forth in this document.

Parents and Coaches:

- 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 be a positive role model 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, spectators and staff at each event, game and practice.
- 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 do my best to allow all participants fair play time, keeping in mind the level of play and participant attendance and abilities.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during the games and practices (unless I am the team coach).
- 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 inform the coach of any physical limitations that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will only use social media in a positive manner and, as a parent, ensure my player does 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 never intimidate or physically, sexually, or verbally abuse any player, coach, official, parent, spectator or staff member. I will never use, or be under the influence of, alcohol or drugs while participating in a WAA event. I will never use tobacco products at any WAA event.
- I will use appropriate language and exhibit appropriate behavior and I will not use abusive or foul language at any WAA event, game, or practice.
- I will not carry or brandish a weapon during any WAA events or in any WAA facility or field.

Athletes:

- 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 everyone 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 or the result of the game. I will refrain from using foul or abusive language.
- I will only use social media in a positive manner.
- I will never intimidate or physically, sexually, or verbally abuse any player, coach, opponent, official, spectator or staff member. I will not bully any teammate, opponent, peer or person.
- I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, vaping, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use while a WAA participant.
- I will treat WAA staff and administrators with proper respect and courtesy.

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

- Ejection from a game
- Suspension from future game(s)
- Verbal and/or written warning
- Lifetime suspension

These disciplinary actions may supplement any actions taken by the official/ 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.

All violations are kept on file by WAA and legal action will be taken if necessary. The WAA Board of Directors, Sport Directors, or staff, as necessary, will solely determine disciplinary action. All decisions are final.

If due to a Code of Conduct violation I (or my participant) is suspended from the program, contracted fees are due in full and paid fees are non-refundable.

I will pay all of my fees at registration or on the assigned dates of my accepted payment plan. I understand that if my fees are delinquent, my participant may not participate until my account is current. I also understand that if my fees are severely delinquent, my account will be sent to a collection agency.

I acknowledge that I have read, fully understand, and agree to abide by the WAA 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 (if known) _____