

## WARREN COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

## SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

To ensure the best youth sport experience for all youth athletes, we ask that all coaches (in all chartered sport leagues with WCPRD) follow this simple code of coaching to ensure everyone has fun!!

- 1. Place the emotional and physical well-being of their players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- 2. Treat each player as an individual, remembering that large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- 3. Do their very best to provide a safe play situation for all players.
- 4. Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- 5. Know the rules of the sport that you are coaching (league and division appropriate)
- 6. Use appropriate coaching techniques for each of the skills or ages they are coaching.
- 7. Remember that you are a youth coach and that the game is for the children, not the adults.
- 8. Treat each player, opposing coach, official, parent, and administrator with respect and dignity.
- 9. Uphold the authority of officials / umpires / referees and their judgements during game play.
- 10. Conduct practices and games so that all players have an opportunity to improve their skill levels through active participation.
- 11. Communicate openly with parents and players. Be responsible for the acts and conduct of their players and crowds.
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- 13. Cooperate fully in the enforcement of all leagues and WCPRD rules, regulations, and procedures.