



Wilson Midget Football Association

2018 Parents Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “Six Pillars of Character.”

I therefore agree:

1. **I will not** force my child to participate in sports.
2. **I will** remember that children participate to have fun and agree that the game is youth, not adults.
3. **I will** inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. **I will** learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league and abide by them.
5. **I (and my guests) will** be a positive role model for my child and the participants by encouraging sportsmanship, showing respect and courtesy and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice and sporting event.
6. **I (and my guests) will not engage in any type of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language, gestures or threats of violence.**
7. **I will not** encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. **I will** teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. **I will** demand that my child treat other players, coaches officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or religion.
10. **I will** teach my child that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. **I will** praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. **I will never** ridicule or yell at my child or any other participant for making mistakes or losing a competition.
13. **I will** emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning by helping them become a better athlete.

14. **I will** promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. **I will** respect the officials and their authority during the game and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. **I will** refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- **Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of the league organization**
- **Written warning by organization or league official**
- **Parent/Guest game suspension with written documentation of incidents kept on file**
- **Parent/Guest season suspension with written documentation of incident on file by organizations involved with participant(s) possibly being banned from the organization.**

I have read and fully understand the above material and by signing this document I am aware of all the consequences and actions that may be brought against me. Failure to sign for this document will result in the participant being unable to participate in the sport until signed by a parent or guardian.

Date

Participant(s) Name

Print name

Parent/Guardian Signature
