

## Middle School Sports - Code of Conduct

### Willamalane Youth Athletics Philosophy

To foster a safe, positive, and fun environment in which student athletes learn valuable life and sports skills.

### Player Code of Conduct

I pledge to have a positive attitude about my middle school sports experience and accept responsibility for my actions and participation.

I agree to the following expectations:

- I will do my best in school.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship to my team, opponents, coaches, officials, & parents at every game and practice.
- Remember Middle School Sports is a recreational sport program with the focus on development over competition.
- Participate in every practice and game, and will notify my coach in the event that I am unable to attend.
- Do my best to follow the coach's instruction and learn the skills they teach.
- Treat my coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, parents, and spectators with respect regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, range of abilities, class, or background.
- Remember my participation in Willamalane Athletics is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- Understand all athletes will receive a fair and equitable amount of playing time.

### Parent Code of Conduct

I pledge to set a positive example for my child at all practices and games. I agree to the following expectations:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports. I will remember that participation is about having fun, learning skills and about the children, not the adults.
- Communicate any special accommodation, physical disability, or injury that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- Learn the rules of the game and the league standards.
- My guests and I will be positive role models for the athletes and encourage good sportsmanship. We will demonstrate acceptable behavior towards all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every practice and game.
- My guests and I will NOT engage in any type of unsportsmanlike conduct toward any official, coach, player or parent such as: Booing, taunting, and refusing to shake hands, or the use of profane language/gestures. I understand that I may be asked to leave the practice/game if my guests or I violate this agreement.
- I will not encourage or condone unacceptable behavior which endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other athletes for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will foster the emotional & physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire for my athlete to win.
- I will respect all staff/officials/coaches and their authority during practice/games. If I have a concern, I will address it at an appropriate time with an appropriate league representative.
- I will promote an athletic environment free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol. I will refrain from their use while on Willamalane or Springfield Public School District property.
- I will ensure that my athlete follows the Player Code of Conduct.

Athlete: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_