

## **WEDDINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT & PLAYER CODE OF ETHICS**

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for everyone involved in youth sports by following the Code of Ethics. I understand that the WMS ABC Sportsmanship / Ejection policy covers all student athletes participating in WMS ABC sports. Copies of these code of ethics and the Sportsmanship / Ejection policy are available on the WMSABC.COM Homepage. PARENTS I understand that if my child receives in school suspension, or out of school suspension, they are not eligible to participate in WMS ABC activities during the suspension period. I understand that if my child did not attend a full school day, they are not eligible to participate in WMS ABC activities that day. A full school day is classified as arriving at school prior to 10:00am and staying until dismissal, or arriving at school on-time in the morning and checking-out after 12:30pm. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, parents, officials, and spectators at every game, practice, and tournament. I will refrain from making derogatory remarks or using foul language to or about the officials, coaches, parents, players, or spectators from either team. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win. I will respect any decisions and calls made by coaches and officials and will refrain from coaching my child from the sidelines during a game. I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free sports environment for my child and will refrain from their use at all WMS ABC sponsored events, games, and practices. I will ask my child to treat ALL players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, gender, creed or ability. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment. I understand that it is now a Class 1 misdemeanor to verbally abuse or touch and umpire or referee.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION POLICY - VIOLATION OF CODE OF ETHICS** Parents who do not follow the Code of Ethics will be subject to the Corrective Action Policy. It is the philosophy of WMS Booster Board that parents should not spoil the athlete's experience of participating in youth sports. Furthermore, WMS Booster Board will never punish a child for the actions of his or her parent(s). The following guidelines have been established for addressing problem parents. For violations of the Code of Ethics or Responsibilities and Expectations, the following steps will be followed:

Step 1: Verbal Warning Staff and/or Coach will discuss undesirable conduct with parents and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated. If Coach completes this discussion, they will document the conversation and give to staff. Step 2: Written Warning Staff, Coach or Official will notify the WMS Booster Board of continued breach of Code of Ethics and the Board will meet with the parent to discuss actions and what the proper behavior is. Furthermore, there will be a formal letter of reprimand given to parent(s) stating that the next offense will lead to parent being banned from the athletic facility for a period of one game. Step 3: Game Suspension The WMS Booster Board will ban the parent from attending the next

scheduled game and another letter will be given to parent(s) stating that the next offense will lead to parent being banned from all future games. The Board will inform the Program staff and Coach of the game suspension. Step 4: Season Suspension The parent(s) will be banned from attending all league games after a 4th offense. The parent(s) will then have to make a formal request to be re-instated into the program. The parent(s) will then have to meet with the WMS Booster Board prior to the start of the season to determine if the parent(s) is capable of behaving within the spirit and letter of the guidelines of the program. These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems. Steps may be bypassed in certain situations. Severe situations could merit harsher sanctions against the parent(s) including but not limited to arrest and prosecution.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_