

## 2024 Wood-Ridge Recreation Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in all Wood-Ridge Recreation youth sports by following this Parent's Code of Ethics.

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every event, practice or other Wood-Ridge Recreational Sporting event.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drug, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all Wood-Ridge Recreation Sports events.

I will remember that the game is for the Youth not Adults.

I will not use foul, abusive or inappropriate language.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

I will help my child enjoy their youth Recreation Sports experience by doing whatever I can such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching or if needed in other areas.

As a Coach, Parent or Board Member, I will not disseminate any information or opinion through mail, email, or any form of media that will criticize the actions of a coach, player, parent, or Board Member, or the program in general. If I have a grievance, I will bring it to the Board of Officers of the particular group and if not satisfied, I may appeal to the Wood Ridge Recreation Commission. I understand this does not prohibit the use of such media to alert other members to attend the next Board meeting, but such media shall contain only a vague reference to the grievance involved and shall not be specific.

It is the policy of the Borough of Wood-Ridge and the Wood-Ridge Recreation Commission to treat participants, athletes, coaches, fans and officials in a manner consistent with all applicable laws and regulations. Under no circumstances will the Borough of Wood Ridge and Wood-Ridge Recreation Commission discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, marital or political status, affectional or sexual orientation, domestic partnership status, civil union status, atypical heredity, cellular or blood trait, genetic information, disability (including AIDS or HIV infection), pregnancy (including pregnancy related medical condition), childbirth, liability for service in the United States Armed Forces, gender identity or expression, and/or any other characteristic protected by law.

***My signature below confirms that I have read, understood and agree to abide by the Borough of Wood-Ridge "Recreation Code of Ethics". I understand, that failure to adhere to these rules can result in the immediate suspension of my child and myself upon the discretion of the league governing body.***

***Upon signature of a parent or guardian for said child the immediate family and/or guardian of such child shall be subject to the provisions of the within Code.***

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_