



**WHEATON PARK DISTRICT • SPORTS LEAGUE ETHICS CODE**  
**RULES OF CONDUCT AND STANDARDS OF LEADERSHIP FOR PLAYERS**

WHEATON PARK DISTRICT  
 S P P O R T S  
 CHARACTER  
 RESPECT  
 RESPONSIBILITY  
 CARING  
 CITIZENSHIP  
 TRUSTWORTHINESS  
 COUNTS!

Everything you say and do should be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

**Trustworthiness (honesty, integrity, promise-keeping and loyalty)**

1. Act so people can trust you.
2. Be completely honest. Tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Don't be sneaky or tricky. Don't do things behind people's back. Don't cheat or steal.
3. Don't do anything you think is wrong. Have integrity. Stand up for your beliefs. Be your best self. Show commitment and courage.
4. Keep your promises. Do what you said you will do when you said you would do it. Return when you borrow.
5. Don't spread rumors or gossip that would hurt others. Stand by your family, friends and your team but don't do anything wrong to get or keep a friendship. Don't ask a friend to do something wrong.

**Respect**

6. Treat opponents, teammates, referees/umpires/officials, and others with respect and courtesy. Do not use insults, negative cheers or name-calling to put anyone down. Don't yell at or make fun of any person. Be polite. Use "please" and "thank you" and "excuse me."
7. Be positive. Help people get better, be constructive.
8. Be on time. Remember others are relying on you.
9. Treat all people as individuals. Be tolerant of people's differences. Never make statements out of prejudice.
10. Listen to others. Respect their opinions and their right to have a different opinion than yours.
11. Don't use violence to settle disputes. Don't hit, shove or threaten to hurt anyone.

**Responsibility**

12. Think before you act. Think about consequences, how your actions today can affect you and others in the future.
13. Take responsibility for the consequences of your choices. Don't blame others for what you did or take credit that doesn't belong to you.
14. Set a good example in everything you do.
15. Do your best. Don't quit. Make all you do worthy of pride. Remember, your character is shown by how you play the game, not by whether you win or lose.
16. Always control yourself. Do not lose your temper. Don't throw things, scream, hit others, or use bad language.
17. Do your duty. Do what you should do even when it is hard or you don't want to do it.
18. Be a good sport. Win and lose with grace - - don't brag when you win or complain about and make excuses when you lose.

**Fairness**

19. Play fair and with honor. Play by the rules. Never cheat.
20. Give everyone a fair chance.

**Caring**

21. Be kind and caring. Treat others the way you want to be treated. Don't be mean, cruel or uncaring of others' feelings.
22. Think of the team. Think of others. Don't be selfish on the field or off it.

**Citizenship**

23. Obey laws and rules. Remember it is unfair for some people to play by the rules while others don't.
24. Listen to your coaches, referees/officials/umpires and your parents. Respect authority.
25. Do your share. Help your team and your community. Protect the environment.

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