



## Township of Wall

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### Sport Parent Code of Conduct

Resolution passed August 13, 2003

#### Preamble

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 & that the game is for 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 & the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child & encourage sportsmanship by showing respect & courtesy, & by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials & spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanshiplike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
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 & to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials & spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
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, & make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development & practices & how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games & competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional & 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 & their authority during games & will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, & will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, & alcohol & I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games & practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

BOTH PARENTS MUST SIGN x \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_