

# Parent's Responsibility and Commitment



We understand and endorse the purpose of education-based athletics, which is to help our students become people of integrity who will lead, be responsible, and serve our community as positive change-makers. As parents, we will:

1. Support the coaches by affirming behavior in our child and his or her teammates that demonstrates the characteristics of integrity, empathy, sacrifice, and responsibility.
2. Acknowledge and appreciate ALL participants' growth as character-strong individuals and their efforts toward establishing stronger relationships with teammates, coaches and themselves.
3. Serve as role models by treating visiting teams and coaches, officials and event workers, and visiting fans with respect.
4. Model good sportsmanship by acknowledging the efforts of your team and the opponents as well, accepting graciously the outcome of the contest.
5. Support the efforts of the team, regardless of the amount of playing time afforded your son or daughter, or the win-loss record.
6. Encourage not only your child, but their teammates, knowing that at every practice and in every game they are growing physically and emotionally, learning moral and ethical lessons, and developing strength of character.
7. Support developing the concept of self-advocacy is an important step in growth, when problems or questions arise, we will encourage our son or daughter to present that concern to his or her coach. After this meeting, if the issue requires more clarity, we will then contact the head coach. If an issue is unresolved, I will proceed according to the communication process as outlined in this handbook.

As a parent of a student/athlete representing Westminster Public Schools, it is expected that you model behavior conducive to good sportsmanship and behavior that will not embarrass the school, your student, or yourself. After reading the expectation elements below, you agree to abide by these standards of behavior set forth by WPS.

- I agree to respect all student athletes, coaches, and the school representatives and facilities.
- I agree to respect officials, opponents, and the opposing school representatives and facilities.
- I agree to the expectations of appropriate behavior before, during, and after all contests.
- Inappropriate behaviors include, but are not limited to, use of profanity, taunting players, coaches, and officials, approaching coaches and officials before, during, and after contests, use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs on public school property.
- Observance of **the 24-Hour Rule**, which states that a parent must wait a minimum of 24 hours following an incident (contest and/or practice) to contact a respective coach. Failure to abide by the 24-Hour Rule may result in denied attendance at the next athletic contest.

- I agree to observe **the Closed Practice Rule**, which states that practices are closed to the public, including parents, with the exception of permission granted by the respective coach and/or athletic director.

**Because, as a parent, I am a role model who has the power, position, and platform to make a positive difference in the lives of my child and their teammates, I commit to this code of conduct.**

Name of Parent/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_