

	Department: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources	
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Coaches/Volunteers Code of Conduct	Policy Name <i>CAPRA STANDARD 6.5</i>	

Purpose

The Code of Conduct is to ensure that all coaches/volunteers understand and adhere to a standard of behavior established by WFPRCRD. These documents provide an outline of behavioral expectations.

Policy

As a Town of Wake Forest Volunteer Coach, I hereby pledge that I will:

- Consider it an honor and privilege to coach the young people of our community
- Keep in mind at all times that I am a youth sports coach and that the recreational experience is for the children not the adults.
- Use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for my players, increase their self-esteem and foster them in a true sense of enjoyment of the sport in which they are participating.
- Treat officials, opposing coaches and players with respect and dignity, and instruct my players and their parents to do the same.
- Model grace, dignity and composure regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Observe all player participation rules and strive to make each player feel as if he/she is a valuable member of the team regardless of any physical or developmental limitation he/she may have.
- Teach principles of fair play and sportsmanship to my players and model these principles for them at all times.
- I will not use of profanity to any player, coach, parent or official.
- Any physical altercations involving spectators, coaches, players, parents, officials or WFPRCR Staff will result in immediate removal and expulsion from the program.
- Refrain from using any illegal substances or tobacco products, or using alcohol in the presence of my players. I will refrain from bringing alcohol or using alcohol, drugs, etc. near any game, practice, school property, or opposing team venues.
- Refrain from all manners of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional or sexual.

- Report any conduct that violates this code or adversely affects the positive, child-friendly environment that WFPRCR strives for.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the above rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by WFPRCR that could include, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Game and/or practice suspension
- Suspension for season
- Being expelled from league

The Town of Wake Forest Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department retains sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any violation of established rules and conduct code.

Policy Authority

Questions regarding this policy should be referred to the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Director.