



Watchung Hills Pop Warner Coaches'/Volunteer Code of Conduct

As a volunteer in Watchung Hills Pop Warner I understand that there are certain rules and standards that I must follow at all times. I understand my failure to abide by these rules and standards may result in suspension or dismissal from Pop Warner.

1. I will refrain from smoking or use of smokeless tobacco on the field.
2. I will not criticize players or cheer participants in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of the team if others will benefit.
3. I will accept decisions of referees and judges as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
4. I will not criticize an opposing team, its players, cheer participants, coaches or fans.
5. I will emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and stress that winning is the result of teamwork.
6. I will strive to make football or cheer serve as a training ground for life and a basis for good mental and physical health.
7. I will not engage in excessive sideline coaching.
8. I will be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any spectator who becomes out of control will be asked to leave.
9. I will not use or tolerate abusive or profane language at any time.
10. I will not encourage my team to "pile it on" or raise the score as high as it can.
11. I will not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner Football.
12. I will not permit or encourage sweating down tactics in order for a player to make team weight.
13. I will not distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by the participant's physician.
14. I will not permit an ineligible player or a cheer participant to participate in a game.
15. I will not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
16. I will not tolerate the use or possession of alcohol or any other type of illegal substance on both the game or practice fields. Additionally, I will not tolerate anyone under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances around participants.
17. I will remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his or her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
18. I will control my team's fans and understand that fan reaction will usually be in step with my reaction.
19. I will uphold all rules and regulations, National and local, regarding Pop Warner Football and Cheer.
20. I will accept the decisions of the Watchung Hills Pop Warner (WHPW) Board and be their spokesperson to my team and parents.
21. I will notify the WHPW Board of any potential coach/participant altercations which could be harmful to the league.
22. I recognize that my main duties are coaching and not administrative, but I will ensure the parents are aware of messages from the WHPW Board and that all appropriate paperwork has been received.
23. I will not engage in any behavior within or outside Watchung Hills Pop Warner which, in the sole discretion of the WHPW Board, reflects negatively upon, or causes embarrassment to, the WHPW program.

I have reviewed and understand all the rules and regulations for WHPW. My signature below indicates my understanding of all rules, policies and procedures.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

Division & Team



POP WARNER Participant/Parent **CODE OF CONDUCT**



All participants/parents will abide by a Code of Conduct which includes the following provisions. If any of these rules are broken, the League, Region and/or National Pop Warner shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

Participants/Parents shall:

- Not smoke and/or use smokeless tobacco on the field.
- Not criticize players/spirit participants in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for late, in private, or in the presence of team/squad members if others might benefit.
- Accept decisions of the game officials and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
- Not criticize an opposing team, its players, spirit participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
- Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
- Strive to make every football and spirit activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health. Emphasize that winning is the result of good teamwork.
- Not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions from the sidelines.
- Together with team officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any fan who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.
- Not use abusive or profane language at any time.
- Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner Football/Spirit. This includes any coach, expert, consultant or choreographer, regardless of his/her roster status.
- Not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by the participant's physician.
- Not permit an ineligible player or spirit participant to participate in a game.
- Not possess or drink alcoholic beverages and/or use illegal substance(s) on both the game and practice fields.
- Remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
- Uphold all rules and regulations, National, Regional & local, regarding Pop Warner Football, Cheerleading and Dance.
- Refrain from engaging in any action within or outside Pop Warner which reflects negatively upon or causes embarrassment to the Pop Warner program.

Team Name

Player Name

Parent Name

Parent Signature