

Warrington Warriors Code of Conduct

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Warrington Warriors Pop Warner Football Organization Code of Conduct Policy that addresses conduct expectations for parents, players, and coaches. It ensures alignment with the values of sportsmanship, respect, and safety in youth sports:

Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure a safe, respectful, and supportive environment for all participants in our Pop Warner Football program. This includes players, coaches, parents, and volunteers. We are committed to fostering positive character development, good sportsmanship, and teamwork both on and off the field.

I. PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

All players shall:

1. Show respect to coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, and volunteers at all times.
2. Refrain from using foul language, taunting, or any form of unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. Commit to attending practices and games, and notify coaches in advance of any absences.
4. Notify team's head coach of any known future absences or tardiness to games and practices as early as early as possible.
5. Follow team rules and direction from coaches without argument or defiance.
6. Never engage in bullying, fighting, or harmful behavior toward others.
7. Take responsibility for their equipment and uniform, keeping it clean and ready to use.

II. COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

All coaches shall:

1. Serve as positive role models, demonstrating sportsmanship, integrity, and respect.
2. Prioritize the physical and emotional well-being of players over winning games.
3. Foster a team environment that promotes learning, skill development, and fun.
4. Treat all players fairly regardless of skill level, background, or playing time.
5. Communicate respectfully and constructively with players, parents, officials, and other coaches.
6. Refrain from using profanity, yelling in anger, or engaging in any form of abusive behavior.
7. Ensure practices and games are organized, purposeful, and conducted in a safe manner.
8. Maintain current tackle football education certification.
9. Maintain required criminal background (Pennsylvania State Police Response for Criminal Record Check and FBI) as well as Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Certification.
10. Refrain from consuming alcohol or controlled substances at Warrington Warriors practices or games.
11. Refrain from appearing at any Warrington Warriors practice or game manifestly under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance.

III. PARENTS & GUARDIANS CODE OF CONDUCT

All parents and guardians shall:

1. Support their child's commitment to the team by ensuring timely attendance at practices and games.
2. Encourage their child with positive reinforcement, regardless of performance or outcome.
3. Refrain from coaching or criticizing players from the sidelines.
4. Respect all coaches, officials, volunteers, and other parents; disagreements should be addressed calmly and away from players.
5. Never engage in hostile or confrontational behavior at practices, games, or team events.
6. Abide by all facility rules and guidelines set forth by the organization or hosting venue.
7. Promote good sportsmanship by being a positive example for their child.
8. Parents fulfilling volunteer responsibilities must remain neutral, refrain from interfering with game or sideline activities, and refrain from interacting with players, parents and coaches on opponents' sideline.
9. Refrain from consuming alcohol or controlled substances at Warrington Warriors practices or games.
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2024-2025 Bux-Mont Participant General Code of Conduct

(located on <https://www.popwarner.com/>)

General Code of Conduct Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. is committed to cultivating a safe and welcoming environment for its regional and national events and programs that encourages and promotes good sportsmanship by student-athletes, parents, coaches, administrators and other spectators. We ask that event participants and attendees cooperate in being respectful at all practice and competition venues, partner hotels and/or ancillary venues throughout the course of the event. All those involved with the event are expected to refrain from the following behaviors:

1. Acting in a way that is unruly, disruptive or illegal in nature.
2. Intoxication or other signs of impairment that may potentially result in bad behavior.
3. Excessive use of profanities and other vulgar language that interfere with other attendees' ability to enjoy the event.
4. Using bigoted, demeaning or abusive or other disruptive and intimidating language and/or gestures.
5. Verbal or physical harassment of officials, athletes and coaches before, during and following the competition.
6. Disrupting the progress of competition (including physically entering or throwing objects onto the playing field or competition mat).
7. Interfering with or failing to abide by security or emergency procedures or response.
8. Displaying signs that contain offensive language, or any graphic art that may be deemed disrespectful.
9. Defacing, destruction or theft of property associated with the event, including property of the opposing team or other athletes, including officials, as well as official venues.
10. Violence or threats of violence against other individuals at any official venue.
11. Publicly criticizing or making derogatory statements of an official, opposing teams, event personnel or its policies, or other individuals associated with the event. This

includes comments with respect to their conduct, character, competence, integrity or appearance. Note: social media is deemed a public forum.

12. Failing to follow instructions of event personnel.

13. Any behavior which otherwise violates conduct codes set by partner venues, hotels or ancillary venues including but not limited to theme parks, as enforced by those properties. Failure to abide by these expectations are grounds for removal from competition. Pop Warner reserves the right to remove individuals or the entire team. Depending on the infraction, a one-year ban from Pop Warner events and programs will be considered. A repeat offense of the same infraction may result in a permanent ban. All removals will be without refund.

Members Code of Conduct

In addition to the aforementioned General Code of Conduct, all Pop Warner coaches, administrators and other program volunteers shall:

1. Create a positive, safe and healthy environment, free of abuse and harassment, for all athletes and their families.
2. Not criticize athletes in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of team members if others might benefit.
3. 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.
4. Not criticize an opposing team, its athletes, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
5. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
6. Strive to make every athletic activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health.
7. Remove from a game, competition or practice any athlete when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.

8. Emphasize that winning is the result of good teamwork.
9. Not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area/coaches' designated seating area to shout instructions from the sidelines or competition mat.
10. Together with team officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators at all times. Any fan who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.
11. Not use abusive or profane language at any time.
12. Not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a volunteer or athlete involved in Pop Warner. This includes any coach, expert, consultant or choreographer, regardless of his/ her roster status.
13. Not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by the athlete's physician.
14. Not permit an ineligible athlete to participate in a game/ competition.
15. Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
16. Not possess or drink alcoholic beverages and/or use illegal substance(s) on either the game, practice field/practice area or competition venue.
17. Not smoke, vape and/or use smokeless tobacco on the field.
18. Uphold all rules and regulations regarding Pop Warner programs.
19. Refrain from engaging in any action within or outside Pop Warner which in PWLS sole & absolute discretion reflects negatively upon, or causes embarrassment to, the Pop Warner program. If any of these rules are broken, Pop Warner or its member league shall have the authority to impose a penalty including permanent removal from the program.

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IV. DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Violations of the Warrington Warriors Code of Conduct, Bux-Mont Participant General Code of Conduct, or Bux-Mont Members Code of Conduct may result in:

Verbal or written warnings

Temporary suspension from practices or games

One-year ban from Pop-Warner events

Permanent ban from Pop-Warner events (for repeated offense)

Permanent removal from the team or organization

Police involvement

Childline reporting

All disciplinary actions will be handled by the organization's leadership and board in accordance with Pop Warner national guidelines.

Acknowledgement

By participating in the Warrington Warriors Football Program, all players, coaches, and parents / guardians agree to uphold this Code of Conduct and contribute to a positive football experience for all involved.

I _____ (Full name), hereby confirm that I have received the “Warrington Warriors Code of Conduct”, “2024-2025 Bux-Mont Participant General Code of Conduct”, and “Members Code of Conduct”. By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand that it describes the conduct and behavior expected of me as a Player, Coach, Parent, or Guardian.

Participate Name

Participate Signature

Date