**WEST ORANGE GIRLS CLUB**

**PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

**1. Do not force your child to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport. Children should be involved for their enjoyment; please help them to make it fun.**

**2. Encourage your child to play by the rules. Children learn by example, applaud the good play of both teams. Be a good sport and enjoy the game. If a player on the other team makes a great play, give them a cheer. IF a player drops the ball, don’t yell at them. None of the players go out there to make mistakes on purpose; they all feel bad enough when it happens.**

**3. Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches or officials. You may be ejected from the premises for this behavior. Please remember that negative comments during practices, games or at home only influence your child’s behavior towards these individuals. Please set a good example and teach your children to be respectful and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.**

**4. Emphasize the benefit of skill development and de-emphasize the competition, especially in the lower age groups.**

**5. Study and learn the rules of the game, and support the officials. If you have questions, please ask the coaches or one of the Recreational Committee Members (see WOGC bulletin board).**

**6. Applaud a good effort in victory or defeat.**

**7. Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. Respect the time, effort and good will they are giving to teach your daughter softball skills. Communicate with them and support them. If possible, volunteer your time to help.**

**8. Your team will need your help in the concession stand when it is your team’s turn. WOGC is run strictly by volunteers, do your part when it is time.**

**9. When your child is on the field, don’t embarrass her by “coaching” from the stands. On the ride home, especially after a poor performance, she really doesn’t need to hear the “should’ve done this and should’ve done that” speech.**

**10. Help your child understand her commitment to her team. Ensure your child attends and arrives on time to all practices and games as is possible. If you are unable to attend a practice or game, please notify the coach earliest possible. Last minute or no notification makes everyone’s job more difficult. Please give the same consideration you would expect to receive.**

 **Parent #1 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent #2 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

 **Print Name: Print Name:**

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**Players Code of Conduct**

**FUN, COMMITMENT, RESPECT, WORK HARD,**

**POSITIVE ATTITUDE, BE KNOWLEDGABLE,**

**LISTEN & LEARN, BE SUPPORTIVE, DO YOUR BEST!!**

**1. Play for the fun, enjoyment and the opportunity to learn more about the great sport of fast pitch softball. Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one.**

**2. Fulfill your commitment. Be on time for all practices and games. Notify your coach as soon as possible, if you cannot be there. Practice hard, as that will translate to your success in games.**

**3. Respect your coaches, teammates, parents, opponents, and officials. Never argue with the decision of an official or coach.**

**4. Respect the playing field and the surrounding area. WOGC is a wonderful place and we should respect the property by taking care of it. Do not leave trash in the dugout; make sure it is clean before you leave. If you see trash on the ground, pick it up and throw it in one of the trash barrels provided. This is our facility – let’s keep it looking great!**

**5. Work hard to improve your skills, with a positive attitude and the willingness to learn.**

**6. Learn the rules and play by them.**

**7. Listen to your coaches. These individuals are giving up their free time to help you improve your softball skills and teach you how to play the game better. Be respectful, don’t talk and fool around when they are speaking. Pay attention, you could be missing something very important.**

**8. Support and encourage your teammates and be a team player. Cheer for all your teammates, be ready to back each other up, empower your fellow teammates when you are out on the field, call out plays. Players that that like and support each other, play better together as a team.**

**9. Be supportive of the new players. Help them instead of hurt them. We are here to have a fun time. Remember, no one goes out there to make mistakes on purpose. If a team member flubs a play, be supportive!! It is only a game.**

**10. Give 100% effort each time you step onto the field. Hustle…with effort, comes results.**

**Player Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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