

## **PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

*The WHSA strives to provide a fun and memorable experience for our children. We work very hard to provide an environment where our children can have fun, learn, get exercise and enjoy a sport. We welcome suggestions and look forward to a great season. Please take a few moments to read over the following information I'm sure you will agree abiding by this will only enhance our program.*

Always treat others (coaches, parents, officials and players) the same way that you would want you and your child to be treated. Set the example by showing respect, dignity, and total sportsmanship at all times.

Nothing is better for a young player than having their parents on hand to watch them play. And nothing is worse for a player than hearing a parent booing, taunting, screaming or making comments at, or about, players, coaches, fans or officials (that includes your team as well as your opponent). Offer applause and cheers of encouragement for both teams following a good play or a great effort, otherwise keep quiet.

**IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FUN** – So help make it that way. Keep smiling. Encourage enjoyment and participation over results. If it's not fun, something's wrong.

Allow the referee to officiate! He or she is the only person who is completely objective about what is happening on the field. It is not a foul every time a player goes to the ground (even if it is your child). The referee interprets the play and determines what is and what is not legal.

Remember that these referees are also "our children" and that the game could not be played without them. You are adults and this is only a game so ...

### **PLEASE ACT ACCORDINGLY**

PUT WINNING AND LOSING IN PERSPECTIVE – Games have winners and losers. Keep reminding your child about this reality and the need to deal with both outcomes. Young players should avoid getting too cocky when they win and too upset when they lose.

Allow the coaches to coach! They know what needs to be done and can communicate this to the children. Shouting instructions to the children is not allowed and, in reality, will only confuse them

If you have a problem with something, talk to the coach or the division coordinator about it! Don't discuss problems in front of the children.