



WSA / WOODRIDGE STORM SOCCER PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT



The Woodridge Park District (WPD), Woodridge Soccer Association (WSA) and Storm Traveling Soccer Program (STSP), believes in holding all of its members (coaches, trainers, referees, participants, parents, guardians, etc.) accountable to a strict code of conduct/behavior policy when playing, watching, or coaching any activity. This is a key principle to making sports, especially youth sports, a safe, fun, and positive environment.

Parent's (Guardian) Pledge

- I pledge to conduct myself in a manner that will reflect positively on the WPD/WSA/STSP to show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans and officials and to uphold and enforce the policies and procedures of the WPD/WSA/STSP, which are designed to do the most good for the players, both in soccer and in general. I pledge to enforce this conduct with any of my family members and friends invited to the game.
- I pledge to encourage in a positive manner the efforts of players and will refrain from yelling out instruction to my child or his/her teammates for I understand that this is the coach's responsibility and such instructions may conflict with their teachings. I understand that games are chaotic times for players to deal with fast-paced action and need the flexibility without ridicule to learn how to respectfully respond to game situations, opponents, teammates and coaches.
- I understand that mistakes are inevitable part of any game and that players need to learn from their own mistakes and I pledge to encourage their pursuit in advancing their skills and knowledge of the game and to not criticize their mistakes.
- I pledge to refrain from using alcohol and illegal substances during any practice or game whether on WPD property or elsewhere when participating as a member of the WSA/STSP.
- I pledge to educate myself on the rules of soccer, so that I have a better understanding of the game and calls made by the official(s).
- I pledge to not use inappropriate language, profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- I pledge to refrain from confronting opponents, opponents' fans, coaches, or officials in a manner that would escalate any situation to a verbal or physical confrontation and I understand that it is in everyone's best interest to remain silent.
- If my actions or comments result in a red card for the team, I take full responsibility for the consequences, which includes payment of any league issued fines, possible suspension of attending practices/games, and possible suspension of player until such fines are paid in full.
- I understand that it is a best practice to take a timeout (24 hours) prior to dealing with a coach/trainer about any player issues I have. I will not confront the coach/trainer in public, rather I will talk to the coach while calm and rational and will do so in a private manner. Public confrontation is embarrassing to the player and entire program and may result in myself being suspended from watching my child/player and/or result in my child/player being suspended from play for the team.

• I will strive to have my player arrive on time and ready for all practices and game. I will notify the coach in advance if my player cannot attend a practice. I will notify the coach as soon as possible if my child will not be attending a game so that the coach may find a replacement if necessary. Failure to notify the coach of missed practices or games may result in sitting out the following games. This is a team sport and the team does best when all players attend practices and games.

Player's Pledge

- I pledge to show good sportsmanship by showing respect for all coaches, officials, adults, teammates, and opponents.
- I pledge to show good sportsmanship by taking a loss or defeat without complaint.
- I pledge to show good sportsmanship without gloating.
- I pledge to treat my opponents with fairness, courtesy, and respect.
- I pledge to show respect to my teammates by committing to attend all scheduled practices and games.
- I pledge to come prepared and be on time to all practices and games.
- I pledge to play to the best of my ability at each and every practice and game.
- I pledge to let my coach know if advance of any absences.
- I pledge to learn the rules of the game.
- I pledge to not use inappropriate language, profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, trash talking, taunting, boastful celebrations, or other actions that demean individuals or the sport.
- I pledge to follow all rules of the WPD, WSA, STSP, leagues, and other rules that the coach requires.

Signature (Mother – Female Legal Guardian) Date

Signature (Father– Male Legal Guardian) Date

Signature (Player) Date