

Summary of WJAA Codes of Behavior

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Privilege

Participation in WJAA events is a privilege – not a right – extended to students, coaches, and spectators who abide by standard rules of conduct.

The following behavior is not acceptable:

- Abusive, vulgar language, or behavior.
- Criminal misconduct, theft, vandalism, etc.
- Misuse of host school facilities, or possessions of other participants.

Codes of Behavior: Players, Coaches, Spectators

- **Treat all participants as you like to be treated.** (*the Golden Rule*)
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background, or religion.
- Respect your opponents.
- Never argue with an official.
- Control your temper. *People are watching.*
- Verbal abuse of officials, making fun of others, or deliberately distracting or provoking opponents are not acceptable in any sport.
- Applaud all good plays whether made by your team or the opposition.
- Do not bully or take unfair advantage of other competitors.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators.

Codes of Behavior: Coaches

- Remember: young people participate for pleasure; winning is only part of the fun.
- Ensure that everyone emphasizes fair play rather than winning at all costs.
- Never yell negatively at a young player for any reason.
- Motivate with positive comments.
- Be reasonable in demands on players' time and energy.
- All young people deserve equal attention and opportunities.
- Avoid overplaying talented players; "average" players need and deserve time.
- Remember, you set an example. *Good or bad?*

Host School Policies

- Visiting schools must respect host school policies.
- No food or drinks in gym – all schools.
- No outdoor shoes in gym; bring indoor shoes to change into.
- No disposable containers in gym – bring personal water bottles, please.

Guidelines for sleepovers at host schools

- Coaches must supervise their students at all times, including sleeping either in the same room as the players or at the very least in a room very close to their players.