

Wachusett Pop Warner Coaches Code of Conduct

All coaches, football and spirit participants will abide by a Code of Conduct, which includes the following provisions. If any of these rules are broken, the League shall have the authority to impose a penalty.

Coaches shall:

- S1:** Not smoke and/or use smokeless tobacco on the field.
- S2:** Not criticize players/spirit in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in front of team/squad members if others might benefit.
- S3:** Accept decisions of the game and judges on the field and in competitions as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.
- S4:** Not criticize an opposing team, its players, spirit participants, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
- S5:** Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
- S6:** Strive to make every football and spirit activity serve as a training ground for life, and a basis for good mental and physical health.
- S7:** Emphasize that winning is the result of good “teamwork.”
- S8:** Not engage in excessive sideline coaching and shall not leave the bench area to shout instructions from the sidelines.
- S9:** Together with team officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and control of the team fans and spectators. Any fan who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave.
- S10:** Not use abusive or profane language at any time.
- S11:** Not “pile it on;” not encourage their team to get a commanding lead and raise the score as high as it can. In these instances, every effort shall be made to let all players play.
- S12:** Not receive any payment, in cash or kind, for services as a coach in Pop Warner football/Spirit. This includes any coach, expert, consultant or choreographer, regardless of his/her roster status.
- S13:** Not permit or encourage “sweating down” tactics in order for a player to make the team weight.
- S14:** Not recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by the participant’s physician.
- S15:** Not permit an ineligible player or spirit participant to participate in a game.
- S16:** Not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- S17:** Abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields.
- S18:** Remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.
- S19:** Control their fans. Remember, as a team coach, you’re responsible for your team, and fan reaction will probably be in step with your reaction.
- S20:** Uphold all rules and regulations, National and local, regarding Pop Warner Football, Cheerleading and Dance.

Name (Please Print): _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____