

Winter Park Optimist (WPO) Code of Conduct

Players:

1. Respect your parents, coaches, teammates, opponents, and umpires. They're the reason you're playing this game.
2. Play the game with the best attitude and work harder than anyone else on the field.
3. Put your team above yourself. Be the best teammate to every player on your roster.

Coaches:

1. You are responsible for the behavior of your players and your fans. Anything other than positive and encouraging language coming from the stands will not be tolerated and you are expected to quickly address any issues in your stands.
2. Coaches, players, and fans are forbidden from arguing with or harassing umpires. WPO has a zero-tolerance policy regarding arguing or harassing umpires.
3. Your decisions as a coach should be based on developing players and teaching them the game of baseball rather than exploiting a weakness of your opponent. WPO values the integrity of the game of baseball and the development of our players over winning a game. Over-aggressive coaches who place winning over development will be quickly addressed and held accountable by the league.

Parents & Family:

1. Respect the WPO philosophy and approach to youth sports. WPO is a volunteer-run, recreational youth organization focused on the development and enjoyment of every child who signs up to play baseball. We are not a travel ball business that crams as many teams and games into a weekend for max profit.
2. Harassing, arguing with, or confronting coaches or umpires is strictly forbidden and will be dealt with quickly and likely result in an embarrassing situation. Feel free to cheer for your child, their team, or the game in general, but please show the same respect expected of your child.
3. You are responsible for your child's behavior and preparedness. Please get them to the fields on time for practice and games, properly equipped, and address any issues that arise with your child.

Consequences for inappropriate behavior:

Players:

- Infractions will be handled by the parents primarily, coaches when appropriate, and league officials if necessary.

Coaches:

- If a coach is ejected by an umpire, the coach is disqualified for that game and the next game and must reimburse the club for the cost of the umpires for the game he or she was ejected before coaching again.
- If a family member or fan is ejected from your stands, the head coach must leave with them for the remainder of the game.

Parents & Family:

- You will be asked to leave the park if you harass umpires, coaches or display behavior considered inappropriate at a youth sports event. You will be prohibited from returning if the behavior continues.
- Any show of aggression toward any person at the park will be considered a threat of violence and law enforcement will be called immediately.