

Wolfville School Coaches Handbook

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Fair Play Policy

Wolfville School is a Fair Play school. It is our school's philosophy that if a child wants to play a sport, we will find a place for them to play. We will not cut students leaving them with no option to play that sport. Also, as a Fair Play school, we look for meaningful playing time (**the goal being equal**) for all of our students, especially through regular season play.

During play-off games, playing time will be meaningful and reflective of our school policy and ethics. Coach's decisions will be based on effort, attitude and growth in ability as demonstrated throughout the season. Students must make an effort to come to practice and games.

Wolfville School is a grade 6, 7 and 8 Middle School. Middle School's without grade 9's are considered Division II. School's with grade 9's are considered Division I. As a Division II school, you have the option of moving up to Division I if the team is able to compete.

Code of Ethics – All parties

- 1) To encourage and promote friendly relationship and good sportsmanship throughout each school by requiring courtesy and proper decorum at all times.
- 2) To encourage and promote positive race relations, cross-cultural understanding and human rights with respect to race, culture, ethnicity, gender, ability, lifestyle, diversity and religion.
- 3) To recognize that good sportsmanship is as important as victory, by approving and applauding good team play, individual skill, and outstanding examples of sportsmanship and fair play exhibited by either team.
- 4) To be modest in victory and gracious in defeat.
- 5) To respect the judgment and integrity of referees, judges and other officials, realizing that their decisions are based upon game conditions as they observed them.
- 6) To promote fair and equitable competition in all contests and to recognize the educational need to control games involving teams that are over-matched by employing strategies to limit the negative experience of lopsided contests.

Coaches Code of Ethics

- 1) Maintain self-control at all times, accepting adverse decisions without public display of emotions, or of dissatisfaction with the officials.
- 2) Employ accepted educational methods in coaching, giving all players an opportunity to use and develop initiative, leadership and judgement.
- 3) Pay close attention to the physical condition and well-being of all players, refusing to jeopardize the health of any individual for the sake of improving the team's chance to win.

- 4) Promote and demonstrate respect for the diversity among participants as it relates to race relations, cross-cultural understanding and human rights.
- 5) Recognize contests that become non-competitive and use the opportunity to promote fair play, provide additional game time for less skilled athletes and promote the ideal of 'Education through Sport'. Participation in school sport should be enjoyable and fulfilling. Student-athletes should be assured of experiencing competitive educational opportunities through meaningful playing time. In contests where teams are obviously at different levels of competitiveness, employ coaching strategies to avoid running up the score and embarrassing opposing teams. E.g. subbing off top players, switching positions, certain number of passes before a shot etc.

Student Athlete Responsibilities

- 1) Play for the love of the game.
- 2) Make full effort to complete all school work
- 3) Make full effort to make all practices and games
- 4) Make full effort during practices and games
- 5) Show respect to coaches, teammates, parents, referees and opposing players
- 6) Maintain appropriate attendance in school, practices and games.
- 7) Maintain effort with regards to all classroom expectations of attitude, assignments and homework
- 8) Responsible to tell coaches when unable to attend a practice or game

Coaching Responsibilities

- 1) Responsible for scheduling games and providing Mr. Veinotte with a copy of the teams schedule including practices and games or tournaments.
- 2) Communicate with parents about team events e.g. schedules, contact information
- 3) Review and communicate expectations with parents and student athletes
- 4) Responsible for preparing and organizing practices
- 5) Responsible for game sheets
- 6) Responsible to **help** to organize drives
- 7) Responsible to be on time and committed to the running of the team
- 8) Responsible to have medical/emergency contact information of players
- 9) Remind parents who drive students to fill out a "J" form in main office
- 10) **Help** fill out travel logs for away games
- 11) Help collect uniforms at end of year (if possible)
- 12) Equipment assigned for team use
- 13) Completing Child Registry and Police Check for Wolfville School

Wolfville School Coordinator Responsibilities

- 1) Support coaches in any organizational matter e.g. information to team members, team jerseys, travel logs, practice plans etc.
- 2) Collect team fees
- 3) Review student expectations
- 4) Organize booking/payment of referees
- 5) Support coaches in any behavioral issues with either parents or student athletes
- 6) Organize scorers and game clock