

Addendum A: Code of Conduct

Purpose: To ensure that all participants, coaches, and spectators maintain an environment focused on the development and well-being of the children.

1. Player Expectations

- I will play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will respect my coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials.
- I will remember that the goal is to have fun, improve my skills, and represent Ware with pride.

2. Parent and Spectator Expectations

- I will be a positive role model and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to officials, coaches, and players of both teams.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct (booing, taunting, or using profane language).
- The 24-Hour Rule: I will wait 24 hours after a game or practice before approaching a coach with a complaint, allowing emotions to cool and focusing on a constructive conversation.
- I understand that the sidelines are for players and coaches only; I will remain in the designated spectator areas.

3. Coach Expectations

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of the SAFL and USA Football and will teach them to my players.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.

4. Enforcement and Discipline

- Violations: Any violation of this Code may result in a warning, suspension, or permanent expulsion from WYF events.
- Due Process: The Disciplinary Committee will investigate reports of misconduct. The accused party will have the right to address the Committee before a final recommendation is made to the Board.
- Final Authority: The Board of Directors holds the final authority on all disciplinary matters. No refunds will be issued to players or families dismissed for disciplinary reasons.