



**WESTSIDE BULLS/LADY BULLS  
CODE OF CONDUCT**

**I. Character, Integrity & Strength**

Players in the program must conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen at all times...on and off the court. Respect and courtesy at all times!

- Respect your parents, coaches and teammates
- No profanity or derogatory statements
- Bad/poor attitudes will not be tolerated
- Always protect your teammates ("My Brother's Keeper")

**II. Eligibility – Academics Comes First!**

Players must pass all classes every 6/9 weeks (no exceptions)!

- Players must present a copy of his/her report card every 6/9 weeks (progress reports are not acceptable)
- Failing grades (below 70) in any 6/9 week period will result in suspension from any games/tournaments for that period. Players are still required to attend all practices during the suspension.
- Failing grades in two consecutive periods during the school year will result in dismissal from the team.
- Failing grades in three non-consecutive periods during the school year will result in dismissal from the team.
- Tutoring is available (free of charge) for all players in the program.
- One hour per week of study hall will be required for all players that do not maintain passing grades.

**III. Practices/Games**

Players must attend all practices. Practices will be held at least twice a week. Parents/players are responsible for transportation to and from practices/games.

- Be on time – practices are usually 2 hours (practice times varies).
- Parents/players must contact the coach if he or she will miss practice or be late.
- High school players and players participating in two sports (i.e. football and basketball) are required to attend at least one practice during the week.
- If a player misses practice before a game, he or she will sit out up to the entire first half of the upcoming game (to be determined by the coach).
- Be at game location at least 45 minutes before game time (unless otherwise instructed by the coach).
- No electronic devices (PSP, MP3, etc.) are allowed in the gym on game days. Cell phones are allowed for communication purposes only.
- Event calendars for the season will be available in January of each year. Scheduled events may change during the season.
- Parents, please notify coaches of vacation schedules as soon as possible.

#### IV. Dress Code/Appearance

Players must wear acceptable attire at all times, especially when representing the team.

- No sagging
- No provocative clothing
- No clothing with profanity, drug, alcohol or derogatory images
- Players must adhere to the dress code for all games
  - Red uniform – red under shirt/black socks
  - Black uniform – black under shirt/red socks
  - White uniform – white under shirt/black socks
- **Bulls gear/equipment are for games only (backpacks can be used for Bulls practices only). At the end of the season, players can wear shoes and socks anytime. All gear/equipment will be turned in at the end of the season except for shoes and socks.**
- Hygiene – incorporate healthy, hygiene habits into your daily routine
  - Brush your teeth
  - Shower after practices/games
  - Use deodorant, lotion, powder, etc.
  - Comb/brush your hair
  - Always bring a towel, soap, deodorant and lotion to games/tournaments.

#### V. Cell Phone/Social Networks

Players must represent themselves and the organization in a positive manner when using social media outlets (i.e. Texting, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram).

- No posting of inappropriate messages or pictures on Facebook/twitter
- No inappropriate text messages/pictures (sexting)

#### VI. Program/Tournament/League Fees

Parents/players are responsible for all program, tournament and league fees (see program information sheet for specific costs)

- Program fees are due the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday in November of each year
- Non-payment of program fees will result in player suspension until fees are paid (player will not be allowed to attend practices)
- Tournament fees are due two weeks before tournament date
- Non-payment of tournament fees will result in player being ineligible to participate in that tournament.
- League fees are due before the registration deadline (to be determined by league director)
- Non-payment of league fees will result in player being ineligible to participate in the league.

#### VII. Parental Responsibilities

The organization needs the cooperation and participation of all parents in order to make the program a successful and enjoyable experience for each participant.

- Communication is very important
  - a. Late or absent for practices/games
  - b. Players' availability for games/tournaments
  - c. Parents meetings
- Volunteering your time is a huge part of this program
  - a. Fundraisers
  - b. Games (scorekeeper/clock)
  - c. Transportation
- Program/Tournament Fees must be paid on time
  - a. Gym rentals must be scheduled in advance
  - b. Tournament deadlines are two weeks before event (late fees are enforced)

- Documentation is mandatory
  - a. Birth Certificate
  - b. Report Card
  - c. Physical Forms
  - d. Signed Code of Conduct Forms

**VIII. Dismissal of Player(s)**

The dismissal of a player will be the decision of the coaches. Grounds for dismissal include, but are not limited to:

- Repeated offenses in the code of conduct
- Gang activity
- Fighting
- Stealing
- Smoking
- Drinking alcoholic beverages

**IX. Acknowledgement**

I acknowledge that the Code of Conduct has been explained to me. I understand and will abide by all of its conditions as set forth in this document. Violations of the Code of Conduct are subject to disciplinary action up to dismissal from the program.

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Parent Name (Printed)

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Player Name (Printed)

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Parent Signature

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Player Signature

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