

# *West Knox Warriors*

## *Code of Conduct Contract*

In the spring of 2008, WKHS Lacrosse implemented a Code of Conduct. Each player and one of his parents will be asked to read and sign this contract as part of participation in the WKHS Lacrosse program. This Code of Conduct has been created with the expectation that it will support these young men in becoming all that they can be, through hard work, commitment, and discipline, both on and off the field.

We believe that this Code of Conduct defines what all members of the West Knox Warriors (athletes, coaches, and parents) should strive to be, and is fair to all members.

We believe that no member of this team is bigger than the team itself.

As such, all players and coaches will adhere to the following code of personal and team ethics:

1. The use of alcohol and drugs is completely prohibited at all times. Tobacco products may not be used at practice, and may not be used at all if you are under 18.
2. Use of bad language or inappropriate language is prohibited
3. Players must show respect for their coaches and teammates. Players will show respect for the other teams we play—their players, coaches, parents, and game officials.
4. If you are arrested for any offense, you may be dismissed immediately from the team subject to board review. Any behavior at school that results in suspension from school may also be grounds for dismissal, again subject to board review.
5. Players will drive safely in practice or game parking lots without speeding or excessively loud music.
6. Players will only use designated restrooms, and will not urinate in view of practice or game facilities.
7. Players will change their clothes for practice before leaving home or in their cars, rather than any public place or parking lot.
8. Players must be accompanied and driven by an adult to all games outside of Knox County, even if they are 18 or older.

9. Players will arrive at practice ready to go and on time. Plan ahead and call coaches if you will be late.
10. Players will show responsibility and preparedness by having all coaching-required gear at each practice and game, including mouthpieces. In a context of commitment to being prepared, it is strongly recommended that players have 2 game-ready sticks at all times.
11. Once practice starts players will not be allowed to return to their cars until practice is over. Take everything you need (including water) with you to the field.
12. Players will keep the practice and game fields clean and be responsible for putting away goals and collecting balls at the end practices and games. Players will show respect for all practice and game facilities. Vandalism will not be tolerated.
13. Players should only be at our practice fields during scheduled practice times and with supervision by coaches or adults, unless advance approval from coaches has been given.
14. Good grades are important. Players are responsible to notify their coaches if they are having problems keeping their grades acceptable.
15. Private one-on-one sessions between coaches/adults and players (other than coaches' siblings/children) will not be permitted.

The following Attendance and Illness/Injury policy will be followed:

1. Players are responsible to notify a coach when you cannot be at practice—period.
2. Absences may require additional conditioning/individual practice time separate from team practices.
3. After 2 unexcused absences parents will be contacted. After 3 unexcused absences, a call for review by coaches by coaches and the board will be made as to whether the player needs to continue in the program.
4. If a player is sick or injured, he should call the coaches about coming to practices rather than assuming that he should stay at

home.

5. Coaches recognize that some players may need to work. Players will inform the coaches of their work schedules in advance. Player's work schedules that interfere with the WKHS practice schedule may impact the member's playing time.

We believe this Code of Conduct will help to further instill personal values that will carry members forward into adulthood. These values exhibited by our members also promote our team as a high quality organization in the lacrosse community of the Southeastern U.S. We **never** expect that strong enforcement of our Code of Conduct will be necessary. However, in sincere commitment to maintain the integrity of our program, frequent and/or serious non-compliance with this Code may result in additional reviews by the board, coaches, and the respective players/parents.

It is the policy of WKHS Lacrosse not to refund any monies already paid to the team if a player decides to leave the team or is dismissed.

As a PLAYER, I have read and understand this Code of Conduct, and my signature affirms that I agree to abide by it.

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Print Player Name

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Date

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Player Signature

As the PARENT of a player, I have read and understood this Code of Conduct, and my signature affirms that I agree to abide by it.

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Print Parent Name

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Date

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Parent Signature