



## **Plymouth Whitemarsh Spartans Parents Code of Conduct**

Do not force your children to participate in sports or an activity, but support their desires to participate in their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized activities for their enjoyment. Make it fun.

Encourage your child to follow the rules. Remember children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays and good performances of both squads.

Do not be critical of the football or cheerleading program or other players in front of your children. If you have a problem, speak directly to the Members At Large.

Do not embarrass your child or the Spartans' organization by verbally abusing/insulting players, coaches, other parents, or officials. By showing a positive attitude towards the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.

Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

Know and study the rules of the game, and support the officials on and off the field. This approach will help in the development and support of the sport. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the sport.

Applaud a good effort in victory and in defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice; it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports and activities. Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.

If you enjoy the sport, learn all you can about it, and volunteer!

Be positive to all players, coaches, referees, and parents. Welcome visiting teams and treat them as you would like to be treated.

Remember that one of the benefits of youth activities is the opportunity that the youngsters have to get to know other adults. Be interested in the children, ask questions. Congratulate them on their effort and achievements.

Since you are spending a lot of time with your fellow parents, treat others as you would like to be treated.

Don't criticize children.

HAVE FUN!

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