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# The Parkwood Booster Club - Code of Conduct

## Players, Parents & Coaches

The Parkwood Booster Club supports youth athletic activities that are governed by a sense of fun, fair play, and sportsmanship. Each person associated with the booster club is responsible for his/her own behavior. Parents and coaches should be aware that children mimic adult behavior. Coaches or their designate representatives are responsible for their players, parents, and spectators. Positive support for the team, coaches, commissioners, and members of the booster club board is appreciated and expected. The Parkwood Booster Club prides itself on the excellent conduct and sportsmanship of our players, coaches, parents and spectators. Any complaints shall follow the proper channels through the Coach, Sport Commissioner and Parkwood Booster Club Executive Committee. Social Media shall not be used to air concerns or grievances over any Parkwood Booster Club Activities.

Sportsmanship examples that are expected of all age levels are:

- 1) Supporting and pulling for your team without taunting the opposing team, coaches, or parents.
- 2) No throwing of equipment after a potentially demoralizing play or official's call.
- 3) Sincere congratulatory handshake, win or lose, at the end of the game.
- 4) Supporting and encouraging a fellow teammate when mistakes are made (no criticizing).
- 5) Conducting yourself in a manner that is respectful of your team, your school, and the club.
- 6) Remembering that it is the coach that questions or protests a call by an official, not the player(s).

## Game Officials

The Parkwood Booster Club supports the game officials. They are sometimes faced with difficult decisions which may be unpopular with one or both teams. Verbal abuse toward officials by players, coaches, parents or spectators could result in the individual being asked to leave the playing area. A coach may also be sent off for the poor behavior of the spectators. The officials will have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his team or spectators. Please understand how uncomfortable it would be for a coach to ask a parent to leave the playing area. Players, coaches, parents, or spectators who are told to leave the playing area must leave immediately, out of sight of the playing area. He/She may be banned from attending games for one additional game or for a longer period of time is so determined by an inquiry of the Sport Commissioner and Athletic Director. The Head Coach is responsible for reporting any such instances to the Sport Commissioner. The Sport Commissioner and Athletic Director may impose a one game suspension. Longer suspensions, or settlements of disagreements, will be decided by a majority vote in an emergency meeting of six or more voting members of the Booster Club Executive Board. The Executive Board consists of the

president, vice president, treasurer, secretary, athletic director for middle school sports, athletic director for high school sports, and all administrators from the middle school and high school.

**All alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and tobacco products are banned on school campus and sport facilities.**

Parents who agree to their child playing for the booster club, and player and coaches who agree to participate in sports for the club accept the rules and regulations as stated above. All parties agree that every action must lead to the successful fulfillment of the objectives. Remember that the players, coaches and officials will make mistakes, but these are merely games that our children play for enjoyment and to learn their chosen sport. We can still be competitive without crossing the line of decent behavior. We must not lose sight of the fact that our children will follow our example and we should act accordingly.

**Eligibility Guidelines for Players**

- 1) All players should maintain a grade average of 70 at all times.
- 2) All players will be respectful of the teaching staff, support staff, and administrators at Parkwood Middle School. Infractions of this rule could lead to the suspension of a player for one or more games.
- 3) All players will show respect to the coaches, sports commissioner, booster club board members, parents, and teammates on and off the field. A player may be suspended for any infractions of these guidelines.
- 4) Disciplinary eligibility will follow the policies detailed in the UCPS Student Handbook for Middle School or High School. NO refunds will be given, if a player is removed from a team. Put simply.. It is EXPECTED that all players conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful of their peers, teachers, coaches, and their educational and sports environments.

Parents Expectations:

- 1) All parents will refrain from coaching from the sidelines. This is the coaches job, so please be respectful of his/her position. Please remember that your child is trying to respect the coach by following HIS/ HER directions.
- 2) Please refrain from making critical comments about the players, coaches or any booster club board members at a game or practice. It is extremely important to remember that these are all volunteer positions. Our volunteers are VERY giving of their time and effort for the betterment of your child's athletic career.
- 3) If you have a complaint, you will be EXPECTED to follow the proper procedures. Make an appointment to meet with the coach and commissioner to calmly express your concern. If the situation is not resolved, an appointment can be made with our athletic director.
- 4) Parents will remember that all tobacco products and alcoholic beverages are prohibited on all school campuses, including game and practice field.

- 5) Any complaints shall follow the proper channels through the Coach, Sport Commissioner and Parkwood Booster Club Executive Committee. Social Media shall not be used to air concerns or grievances over any Parkwood Booster Club Activities.

We are all representatives of the Parkwood Booster Club and the Parkwood Community! For your Student Athlete to be eligible to participate in Parkwood Booster Club sponsored activities, the Code of Conduct must be signed and returned to the Sport Commissioner prior to the second practice.

**PLAYERS, PARENTS & COACHES:**

We have read and thoroughly acquainted ourselves with the Parkwood Booster Club's Code of Conduct. We understand the consequences of not following both the spirit and the letter of these rules.

Player's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Coach's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Player: \_\_\_\_\_

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