

# West Virginia Vipers

## Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct

The West Virginia Vipers organization is committed to providing a positive, respectful, and development-focused environment for all players, families, coaches, and officials. As a parent, guardian, or spectator of a Vipers player, you play a critical role in supporting your child's growth and the overall success of our program. By participating in the West Virginia Vipers program, parents and guardians agree to the following:

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### Support and Respect

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, and team event.
  - I will treat all players, coaches, officials, and other spectators with respect, regardless of the outcome of a game.
  - I will respect the administrative staff and coaches' decisions regarding player development, playing time, and team management.
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### Communication

- I will communicate concerns, questions, or issues directly and respectfully with the coach or team administrator at an appropriate time (never during or immediately after games). The 24 hour rule applies.
  - I will encourage my child to speak directly with their coach if they have concerns, promoting responsibility and self-advocacy.
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### Conduct at Games and Practices

- I will never coach my child or other players from the stands during games or practices.
  - I will refrain from negative comments, taunting, or criticizing players, coaches, officials, or opponents.
  - I will not engage in arguments or confrontations with referees, opposing teams, or other spectators. Any concerns will be addressed through proper channels after the game.
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### Team Responsibilities

- I will ensure my child arrives on time for games and practices, fully prepared and wearing the required **Vipers uniform** (jersey, shell, and matching socks). Non-Viper apparel (including shells or socks from other programs) is prohibited.
- I will use the team app, **Spond**, to mark my child's availability for every game and practice to assist with team planning.

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## **Zero Tolerance for Abuse or Disruptive Behavior**

- I understand that bullying, harassment, verbal abuse, or disruptive behavior by parents or spectators will not be tolerated and may result in removal from games, team events, or dismissal from the program.

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### **Parent Acknowledgment**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the West Virginia Vipers Parent Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including possible removal from Vipers events.

**Parent/Guardian Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_