

# Parent Responsibilities & Code of Conduct

Recognizing that being a member of the LC Wildcats is a privilege...

1. **Commitment:**

I will make a full commitment to the athletic program of the LC Wildcats for the team and season that my child is signed up for. I will make every effort to get my child to practices and games on time. I will make sure that my child has the proper equipment to play that particular sport.

2. **Absentee:**

LC Wildcats understand that valid conflicts / issues may arise from time to time. Hence, I will abide by the 'Absentee Protocol' that the Head Coach has set up for the team and understand that 'Absences' may affect my child's playing-time. Advance communication is key!

3. **Conduct / Behavior / Attitude / Sportsmanship:**

I will trust the coach to coach the team.

I will not coach from the sidelines or interfere with the coaching staff in any way.

I will let the officials call the game and I will exercise self-control and respect their decisions.

If I disagree with an official – I will not be 'negative', 'badgering' or 'belittling'!

I will not approach an official with negative comments before, during or after a game.

I will remember that the officials are only human and that rarely is the outcome of the game determined by a "bad call".

I will show good sportsmanship with positive cheering and refrain from any derogatory or demeaning gestures towards anyone.

I will not taunt or tease any opposing player or coach.

I will refrain from using any profanity or intimidate / attack anyone physically.

I will not use any derogatory racial talk or actions towards anyone at any time.

I will advocate for a sports environment that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol.

I will have a willing attitude to help the team wherever needed to bring team success!

4. **Dress & Diet:**

When at LC Wildcats events, I will make sure my child dresses (when not in uniform) in a manner that shows respect to God and to the LC Wildcats organization. I will not let him / her dress in a way that could be considered offensive, provocative or suggestive at any LCW events. I will also make sure they eat properly before, in between, and after practices and games to give them optimal health and energy.

5. **Social Media:**

I will not post any comment on social media that can be construed as negative or critical regarding ANY matter related to LC Wildcats. In the Wildcats team spirit, my social media posts will be positive and encouraging to the players, coaches, and the LCW organization.

6. **Bench / Team Area:**

I understand that during games the benches (team area) are for the coaches and the players only.

Parents nor siblings may enter the team area at any time during a game without the Coach's approval.

I will remain off the court / field during practices unless given approval by the coach.

7. **Volunteer:**

I understand that volunteering is always needed with any youth sports organization. Therefore, I will help the team in any way needed and I will comply with any volunteer hours required by the Coach. I do understand that if I do not volunteer, I may be asked to give a financial donation or directly find other donors / sponsors – per Head Coach’s directive. I understand that volunteering in general helps off-set many expenses!

8. **Conflict Resolution:** Matthew 18:15-16

If I have any concerns or conflicts with anyone on the team (coach or player), I will first go to the coach - in private - and try to resolve the issue (and keep in mind, unless it is urgent, it is always good to let it sit for a day or 2 before dealing with it - to let your heart settle down and to give you time to pray about it). If the issue is not resolved, I will ask for a LCW board member to intervene and help mediate. I will NOT go outside of this ‘Conflict Resolution Structure’ and start gossiping or slandering another player, coach or the LCW Organization. I will seek to resolve any conflict Biblically, with a spirit of love, humility and gentleness - with the goal to bring restoration to all.

9. **Violations:**

I understand that if I violate any of the above Codes & Responsibilities, I may be suspended from attending games and / or practices by the Head Coach or Board Member. Any grievance of disciplinary action to a parent can be taken to the whole LCW Board for review.

I have fully read the Low Country Wildcats Parent Responsibilities & Code of Conduct listed above.  
I agree to conduct myself accordingly...

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