



## **William Dale Burns Youth Sports**

### **Purpose**

William Dale Burns Youth Sports aims to introduce students to athletics in a positive and fun environment. Students are introduced to multiple sports to give them a variety of experiences. The most important aspect of athletics at the elementary level is that participants have fun. Student-athletes should also begin to learn the fundamental skills of athletics. Elementary athletics improves physical activity, discipline, commitment, teamwork, and social and emotional health.

## **Code of Conduct**

This document presents the expectations for conduct from athletes, parents, and coaches at William Dale Burns Youth Sports. We hold athletes, parents, coaches, and community members to a high standard of sportsmanship. Enforcing this Code of Conduct allows William Dale Burns Youth Sports to promote a safe, rewarding, and fun sports experience for our entire community.

Please read the document carefully before registering for each season. Each participant and coach is required to acknowledge the Code of Conduct before the season begins and must abide by the Code of Conduct throughout the entire season.

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including temporary or permanent suspension, as determined by the Youth Sports Coordinator.

### **Code of Conduct for Players**

- I will be a good sport to players, coaches, officials, opponents, and parents at every game and practice, whether winning or losing.
- I will arrive at practice on time and be ready to dedicate my attention to my coaches.
- I will learn the value of commitment by participating in as many practices and games as possible.
- I will encourage my teammates and praise their good efforts.
- I will always be honest, fair, and respectful to others.
- I will aim to learn all I can from sports.

### **Code of Conduct for Parents and Families**

- I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will always respect players, coaches, officials, spectators, and families.
- I will respect the decisions of officials or coaches.
- I will not engage in violence, verbal threats, or profanity.
- I will encourage my child while also respecting the decisions of officials and coaches.
- I will model good sportsmanship for all youth participants.
- I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event—in public, private, in-person, or online.
- I will do my part to keep sports fun and positive for every youth participant.

### **A violation of the Parent and Family Code of Conduct could lead to:**

1. Violators may be ejected from the event.
2. Contacted by the Youth Sports Coordinator to discuss the violation
3. The Youth Sports Coordinator will evaluate and offer an opinion to the Bristol Tennessee City Schools Athletic Director, Elementary School Principal, and Elementary Supervisor. Depending upon the infraction, the offense could result in penalties, expulsion, or suspension from the program for the parent or family member.

## **Code of Conduct for Coaches**

- I will coach with the goal of creating a positive learning experience for athletes. Winning games is secondary to building a positive youth sports experience for my players, the parents of my players, and opposing teams.
- I will put the emotional and physical well-being of youth participants ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will follow all rules and protocols of the league.
- I will under no circumstances engage in an argument with a referee or official. Any discussions or conversations with officials or referees will be in a respectful tone.
- I will not belittle or ridicule anyone involved in a youth sporting event in public, private, in person, or online.
- I will treat opposing coaches and athletes respectfully and positively represent my community.

If there is a compliance infraction of the above Code of Conduct, the procedure for remediation will be as follows:

1. The Youth Sports Coordinator will contact the coach
2. The Youth Sports Coordinator will meet with the coach to discuss the infraction. The meeting will take place as soon as possible after the violation is incurred.
3. The Youth Sports Coordinator will evaluate and offer an opinion to the Bristol Tennessee City Schools Athletic Director, Elementary School Principal, and Elementary Supervisor. The offense could result in penalties, expulsion, or suspension from the program for the coach, depending upon the infraction.

## **Tools for Measurement**

To ensure that the purpose of William Dale Burns Youth Sports is met, the following tools will be used to measure our success.

- Participation Data
- Coaches and family participant surveys
- Observations of practice and games