



## **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The WooPride Sports Code of Conduct applies to all players, captains, volunteers, officials, staff, and spectators at any WooPride Sports game, event, or activity. These standards ensure a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for everyone. Violations of this Code may result in disciplinary action, including removal from games or the league.

### **1. Expected Conduct**

All participants are required to uphold the following standards:

#### ***Good Sportsmanship***

- Treat all players, officials, spectators, and staff with respect.
- Maintain a positive attitude and contribute to a fair, welcoming environment.
- Compete with integrity, regardless of game outcome.

#### ***Fair Play***

- Follow all league rules, regulations, and official instructions.
- Make every effort to ensure fair play for all participants.
- Accept calls made by officials and avoid arguing during gameplay.

#### ***Alcohol & Substance Use***

- Refrain from excessive alcohol consumption that impairs behavior or disrupts the event environment.
- The possession or use of illegal drugs at any WooPride Sports sponsored event is strictly prohibited.

#### ***Appropriate Attire***

- Wear clothing suitable for a public, family-friendly environment.
- Avoid attire that may be offensive, unsafe, or inappropriate.

### ***Communication & Concerns***

- Players may voice concerns, but should do so after the game to avoid disrupting play.
- If an issue requires immediate attention, players should speak with their team captain or step away from the game to locate a league official.

## **2. Prohibited Conduct**

The following behaviors may result in immediate ejection from a game and further disciplinary action:

- Verbal abuse, harassment, or threatening behavior toward any participant, spectator, or staff member.
- Inappropriate or aggressive physical contact.
- Multiple unsportsmanlike technical fouls or penalties.
- Behavior indicating impairment from alcohol or drugs.

## **3. League Removal Policy**

Players who engage in conduct listed under Prohibited Conduct, or any behavior deemed unsafe, violent, aggressive, or dangerous, may be removed from the league. Removed players are not eligible for a refund. This policy applies to all league games and WooPride Sports sponsored events.

## **4. Attendance Policy**

Consistent participation is essential to team success. If a player has:

- More than two unreported absences (no communication with the team or league), or
- Three total absences (excused or unexcused),

...the team and/or league reserves the right to replace that player without refund, at the league's discretion.

## **5. Enforcement Process**

WooPride Sports uses a consistent and transparent process to address violations of the Code of Conduct. Depending on the severity of the behavior, league officials may take any of the following actions:

### ***Step 1: Verbal Warning***

For minor or first-time issues, officials or captains may issue a verbal warning to address the behavior and prevent further disruption.

### ***Step 2: Game Removal***

If the behavior continues, escalates, or significantly disrupts play, the participant may be removed from the current game. Officials will document the incident and notify league leadership.

**Step 3: Review by League Leadership**

League leadership will review the incident, including statements from officials, captains, and involved parties. Additional information may be requested if needed.

**Step 4: Disciplinary Action**

Based on the review, the league may take one or more of the following actions:

- Formal written warning
- Suspension from future games or events
- Removal from the league

**Step 5: Final Decision**

All disciplinary decisions are made at the discretion of league leadership. Decisions are final and made with the goal of maintaining a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment for all participants.

**6. Player Commitment**

All players are expected to uphold the spirit of WooPride Sports:

I promise to do my best to have fun, celebrate my fellow teammates and opponents, and play to the best of my ability.