

# **Player and Parent Code of Conduct**

## **Western Kentucky Trailblazers**

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### **Character**

Participants are expected to conduct themselves in an ethical manner displaying good sportsmanship at all times. Fighting, excessive displays of anger and frustration, and acts of retaliation are not acceptable behavior. Lying, cheating, stealing, profanity, obscene gestures, offensive language, trash talking, taunting, public displays of affection and excessive celebrations are forbidden. Players are prohibited from using tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or performance enhancing substances. Players and parents represent the Western Kentucky Trailblazers, BRHSA, and homeschoolers, in general, as well as the Christian values for which they stand. Western Kentucky Trailblazers are expected to be of good character, trustworthy, respectful, fair, caring, and responsible. Player and parent conduct towards the officials must be respectful. No complaining or arguing with the officials regarding calls/decisions will be tolerated before, during, or after the games. Player and parent conduct towards Coaches/Committee members will also be respectful.

### **Obligations**

The Western Kentucky Trailblazers is a competitive organization: a player may or may not play in all or any of the games. Regardless of playing time, players are expected to be present and on time for all team games, practices and events. Players are required to attend any regional and national tournaments scheduled by the Trailblazers. Players are learning and growing together as a team throughout the year and to disrupt the unity of the team due to someone not attending a tournament would be unfair to the whole team, which works together to perform their best at a competitive tournament. The Trailblazers seek a balance between our competitiveness and the homeschool culture. Parents are expected to provide notice to the coach prior to a missed game, practice, or event. An excused absence will be because of academic classes, bereavement, injury, illness, or church function. Unexcused absences will result in a one-game suspension, unless prior arrangements with the coach have been made to demonstrate skill development during the absence. Players are expected to display respect to all coaches at all times; Players are expected to practice outside of their official practices; Players are expected to give their best effort in all practices and games. Players are students first. Academic requirements and standards of BRHSA and the Western Kentucky Trailblazers must be met in order to play.

I understand that being part of the Western Kentucky Trailblazers is a privilege and not a right. As such my behavior represents the Trailblazers. I will not only play by the rules but by the spirit of the rules also.

I have read and understand the requirements of this Code of Conduct. I understand that I am expected to conduct my behavior according to this code. I understand even one infraction of the Code of Conduct may result in a review by the Western Kentucky Trailblazer Committee and may result in penalties, suspension, or even expulsion from the Trailblazer organization.

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