



# HPAL Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is based on the essential elements of character building and ethics in sports that are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles;

Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Good Citizenship.

- **I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the children, not adults.**
- I will inform HPAL of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will abide by the rules of the game and, policies and/or principals of HPAL.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for the children and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other HPAL event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanship like conduct with any official, coach, player or parent and spectator such as booing or taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in a physical confrontation such as fighting and I understand that I would be subject to permanent suspension from all HPAL activities.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the children, coaches, officials and spectators.
- I will teach the children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I and my child (and my guests) will treat players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will teach the children that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that the children will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise a child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make them feel like a winner every time.
- I will not ridicule or yell at a child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athlete ahead of any personal desire I may have to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games or practice, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will never question, discuss or confront coaches or officials at the game or practice, and will take time to speak with a coach or official at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will respect the sports environment for children: free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events.
- HPAL reserves the right to exclude any parent/guardian from HPAL activities based on negative police interaction
- Any **Coach** or **Player** involved in negative police interaction and/or negative court action must report this to the HPAL Executive Board. Failure to do this will result with an immediate suspension. Suspension is indefinitely until HPAL Executive Board reviews the circumstances and renders a decision.

**I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines and the HPAL Rules and Regulations, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal warning by a game official, coach and/or HPAL staff and/or Removal from HPAL activity.
- Written warning by HPAL.
- Parental and/or Player suspension from HPAL activities with written documentation of incident kept on file.
- Parental and/or Player expulsion from HPAL.

As a result of the increased frequency of unsportsmanship, disrespectful and violent incidents related to youth sporting events on a national, regional, state and local level. The Board of Directors of HPAL require each participant, parent, guardian and/or volunteer to sign a copy of this document acknowledging the awareness of the Code of Conduct and the disciplinary actions for failing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

**Parent** \_\_\_\_\_ **Player** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coach** \_\_\_\_\_