

HAMILTON GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (HGSA)/HAMILTON HURRICANE

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent(s) / player(s) of a HGSA youth participant, I (we) am/are in agreement:

- A. That it is a privilege, not a right, to play youth sports with HGSA/HURRICANES.
- B. That sportsmanship and fair play are essential to all HGSA activities.
- C. That sportsmanship and fair play are the most important skills that I can possibly gain from youth sports.
- D. I agree to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting my teammates, opponents, coaches, team managers, referees, directors and parents.

THEREFORE, we agree to follow the HGSA Code of Conduct policy.

- 1. All players are expected to attend all scheduled team events in a punctual manner unless they have notified the manager.
- 2. All players will encourage good sportsmanship through their actions by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, spectators, coaches and officials at every team event.
- 3. Players who create public displays of anger directed toward coach(es), their team or individual members of their team will automatically be disciplined in accordance with the HGSA discipline policy.
- 4. There will be Zero Tolerance of abusive behavior from any HGSA player toward any umpire, coach, another parent or player of HGSA, board member, and/or another parent or player from another or opposing team. Abusive behavior shall include, but is not limited to, harassment, bullying, obscene language or gestures, verbal abuse, threats of physical abuse and/or actual physical abuse. This includes if the incident happens in person or over text message, social media or other electronic communications. If such an occurrence takes place, disciplinary action may include suspension from all HGSA events indefinitely until such time as the HGSA executive board discusses the matter and disciplinary actions are communicated to the individual(s) involved.
- 5. Only players on the roster are allowed on the bench during scrimmages and games.
- 6. All players will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facilities, both home and away. If such an occurrence takes place, disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with the HGSA discipline policy.
- 7 All players agree to follow the team rules, as set by the manager of the team.
- 8. If I do not abide by the Code of Conduct policy, I realize that I may face disciplinary action in accordance with HGSA's discipline policy.
- 9. All players will shake hands with the other team at the end of a game or scrimmage. Spitting in hand before the handshake is not acceptable; slapping the opposing team hand is not acceptable.

Player's Printed Name & Players Signature _____

Parent's Printed Name & Parent Signature _____

Coaches' Signature _____

Date Signed _____