

HBBA PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents will remember that this is a recreational program focused on player development over the win/loss record. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects the "six pillars of character" : integrity, respect, dependability, effort, fairness, and good citizenship. It is the parent's responsibility to use team sports to teach your child these traits. This is what recreational ball is all about - developing your child's character while the coach works to develop your child's skills. Players on a losing team can improve their skills and learn how to play with good sportsmanship.

Parents should stay positive at all times and show support for all of the players. I, as a parent member of HBBA, do therefore agree:

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will have my child to all practices and to all games on time and will notify the coach of any physical disability or ailment that will prevent my child from playing or that may create an unsafe environment on the field.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league and will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child 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 sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.