

Havertown Hoops

Coach's Codes of Conduct

I hereby pledge to abide by Havertown Hoops rules and policies. I understand that Havertown Hoops has the right to release me as a volunteer at any time.

I will:

1. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, parents, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
2. Place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
3. Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
4. Be aware and understand the role and influence of a coach as an educator, imparting knowledge of skill as well as proper personal, academic, and social behavior.
5. Do my best to make youth sports fun for my team.
6. Respect the rights, dignity, ability and worth of every person, including opponents, other coaches, officials, administrators, parents, athletes and spectators.
7. Display control and professionalism at all times under any circumstance.
8. **Provide an opportunity for athletes to play the sport and receive equal playing time in games.**

I will also abide by the "Fun First" philosophy.

I will:

1. Maintain a "Fun First" attitude, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
2. Treat officials, coaches, my team and their opponents, and parents with respect and avoid ridicule or sarcasm.
3. Praise my team and their opponents participating, regardless of their skill.
4. Remember to look for positives with my team and their opponents.
5. Remain calm when my players make a mistake and help them learn from their mistakes. Teach, not yell.
6. Remind my team not to get down on themselves when things don't go well.
7. Try not to take myself too seriously when it comes to my involvement in youth sports, reminding myself that there is life beyond sports.
8. Remind myself and my team to laugh and keep a sense of humor.
9. Emphasize teamwork in team sports with my team, teaching them to think "we" instead of "me".
10. Teach my team by giving them a good example of good sportsmanship, winning without gloating and losing without complaining.

Coach Name (Print): _____

Coach Signature: _____ **Date:** _____