

HADDON TOWNSHIP ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As the coach of an HTAA sport, I agree to abide by the following expectations:

1. Remember that participation, fun, learning about the sport, improving skills, and giving their best effort should be the players' goals; winning should not be more important than these. Always be more concerned with children than with winning.
2. Be sure each player feels that he/she is an important member of the team and follow all playing time requirements of the sport.
3. Clearly communicate practice and game times with players and parents.
4. Teach players the rules of the sport and make sure they always follow them in their play.
5. Teach players to respect opponents and officials and to always demonstrate sportsmanship.
6. Demonstrate respect for opponents by not criticizing opposing players, coaches, or spectators.
7. Demonstrate respect for officials by not arguing with their calls or decisions.
8. Use positive reinforcement frequently; praise publicly, but criticize privately. Use constructive criticism to improve your players' performance, not ridicule or abuse.
9. Teach players the fundamental skills necessary for success in the sport.
10. Make safety a priority. Be sure the practice or game area is free of safety hazards and does not allow players to engage in behavior that puts themselves or others at risk. Intervene at once to stop any inappropriate behavior; be a role model for resolving disputes with fairness and maturity.
11. Refrain from smoking or using tobacco products while coaching games or practices; drinking alcohol before games or practices is strongly discouraged and drinking alcohol during games or practices is strictly prohibited.
12. Remember that you are a role model for your players and spectators. Negative behavior from you makes negative behavior acceptable in their minds.
13. Bring a positive attitude of partnership and shared responsibility to your interactions with members of the HTAA and its volunteers, to parents, and to all involved in creating a positive athletic experience for our youth.
14. Make a timely notification to the HTAA President of any known or suspected instances of child abuse or neglect so that the organization can take immediate and appropriate action.

I understand that failure to follow these expectations could result in suspension of coaching privileges.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SPORT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_