



Parent Code of Conduct

Purpose:

Parents and guardians play a vital role in creating a positive, safe, and fun environment for all HTB players. The following guidelines are designed to ensure respect, sportsmanship, and proper support for players, coaches, and officials.

Expectations for Parents/Guardians

1. **Children First:** Remember that children play organized sports for their enjoyment, not to entertain adults.
2. **Control Your Emotions:** Be on your best behavior. Do not use profane language, harass, or threaten players, coaches, officials, or other parents.
3. **Encourage Effort, Not Just Results:** Praise your child's effort and good play, regardless of winning or losing. Children should never feel their worth is tied to performance.
4. **Respect Opponents:** Show respect for the opposing team. Without them, there would be no game.
5. **Positive Guidance:** Never ridicule or scold a child for mistakes or losing. Set a good example for learning and growth.
6. **Condemn Violence and Abuse:** Violence, profane language, and abusive behavior are strictly prohibited.
7. **Respect Officials:** Accept the decisions of referees. They are human and may make honest errors.
8. **Support Coaches and the Team:** Think of ways to help the coach and team positively, without undermining their authority.
9. **Respect Coaches:** Communicate openly and respectfully with your child's coach. Disagreements should be discussed privately, not in front of players.
10. **Do Not Coach from the Stands:** Conflicting instructions confuse players and can negatively impact performance.
11. **Avoid Living Through Your Child:** Allow your child to develop their own athletic experience, not replay your past.
12. **Maintain Priorities:** Support your child in balancing basketball with school, family, and other responsibilities.
13. **Punctuality:** Ensure your child arrives on time for practices and games and is picked up promptly afterward. Coaches cannot leave until all players are accounted for.

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14. **Focus on Participants:** Siblings and friends should not attend practices or interfere with the team environment.
 15. **Positive Contribution:** Help challenge your child to grow as a player and person, while ensuring the environment remains fun and supportive for all.

Consequences for Violations

Failure to follow these policies may result in:

- Suspension or removal from HTB activities for the parent/guardian.
- Suspension or removal of the associated player from practices, games, or the program.
- Any parent/guardian removed from a game, practice, or HTB event must attend a disciplinary hearing with the HTB Board before returning.

HTB will not tolerate behavior that undermines the safety, respect, or integrity of our program.

Acknowledgment

I have read, understand, and agree to follow the Haverhill Travel Basketball Parent Code of Conduct. I understand that my behavior reflects on my child, their team, and HTB, and I will strive to uphold the values of respect, responsibility, and sportsmanship.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Signature: _____

Player Name: _____ **Player Team:** _____

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