

Hackettstown Recreation Commission

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Hackettstown Recreation Volunteer Coaching Code of Conduct

I understand that my responsibilities as a volunteer coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes whom I coach. Therefore, I promise to conduct myself with the Code of Conduct for Coaches:

- Treat each player, opposing coach, official and parent with respect and dignity
- Do my best to implement the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation techniques and strategies needed in Hackettstown Recreation Sports Programs
- Become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport & do my best to provide a safe playing environment for ALL players.
- Become familiar with the objectives of Hackettstown Recreation Sports Programs with I'm affiliated, and I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my players and their parents.
- I will uphold the authority of the officials who are assigned to my sport, and I will assist them, in every way, to conduct fair and impartial competitive games. **Absolutely NO arguing with the officials.**
- Conduct my practices and games so ALL players have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
- Communicate to my players and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
- I will not use profanity, obscene gestures or comments or abusive language to players, coaches, officials and parents and any other associate with this program. This includes any slandering, mean mouthing or disrespecting any of my fellow coaches, league officials and/or the program.
- Stress the importance of sportsmanship and fair play while teaching skill development and teamwork. Wanting them to WIN is OK, however not at the expense of the ideas and fundamentals of the game.
- I will not use and/or be under the influence of drugs, alcohol or tobacco products while being associated with any Hackettstown Recreation Sports Program and/or Events, including games, practices and meetings.
- I understand that ALL volunteer coaches are required to undergo a background screening. Any convicted sex offenders and/or convicted felons will not be accepted to coach. This background service is provide by Protect Youth Sports. All reports are strictly confidential.

Policy Enforcement:

1. Individuals that violate this code of conduct will be asked to immediately leave the facility and will be removed from the practice and/or game. There's a ZERO Tolerance Policy in effect during any and all Hackettstown Recreation Sports Programs and/or Events. Depending on the circumstances, individuals may be asked to attend a Safe Sports Program and attend a Hackettstown Recreation Commission meeting prior to being re-instated to any Hackettstown Recreation Sports Program.
2. Penalties may be from (1) game suspension and/or up any other sanctions as deemed necessary by the Hackettstown Recreation Commission may be enforced, including permanent ban from ALL Hackettstown Recreation Sports Programs.

I HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION PRESENTED ABOVE.

Coach's Name (printed)

Coach's Signature

Date