

## PARENTS. COACHES. AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT FOR HONESDALE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Parents and coaches please read the following codes of conduct to your children and players. After reading the code of conduct please sign and return agreement to Honesdale Softball League .

Coaches and Parents will be held to a standard of behavior that provides a positive environment for their child's sports experience. Parents pledge to be good spectators; to assess the philosophy of the coach and league to make sure it matches the child's needs; to understand that all children are gifted but not in equal ways; to provide unconditional support; and to pay attention to see if their child is having fun, learning, and improving - as opposed to just winning.

### Coaches' Code of Ethics

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.

### Parents' Code of Ethics

- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth - not for adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials, with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as, being a respectable fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
- I will require that my child's coach have the knowledge and responsibility needed to be a positive youth sports coach.

### Players' Code of Ethics

- I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players' Code of Ethics Pledge.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials, and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship myself.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will expect to receive a fair amount of playing time.
- I will do my very best and listen and learn from my coaches.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!
- I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and expect adults to refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it is important to me.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.

By signing this I acknowledge that I have read this "Code of Conduct" and agree to act accordingly. I have read this information to my players/children to give them a better understanding of what is expected of them, others involved and myself.

Name: (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Team \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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