



HYAA – Hastings Youth Athletic Association

Serving Hastings Area Youth Since 1982

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to advance the principles of sportsmanship, fair play and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, league officials, umpires, parents and spectators the Hastings Youth Athletic Association (HYAA) has established this "Code of Conduct".

This Code of Conduct shall govern the actions of coaches, players, parents and spectators. It is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved and was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance. This Code of Conduct shall serve as HYAA's standard for behavioral evaluation.

It shall be the obligation of ALL program participants, spectators and volunteers, to comply with the terms and provisions of this Code of Conduct. Any person violating this Code of Conduct shall be subject to administrative action, up to and including termination of their privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all HYAA sponsored activities. **Be it known, by participating in HYAA activities, whether home or away, you are agreeing to abide by this Code of Conduct.**

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Parents and Spectators shall support the players, coaches, league officials or umpires. Parents and Spectators shall not "coach" or "officiate". Parents and Spectators will be supportive and we ask you to enjoy the game by following:

- Parents and Spectators will be positive role models.
- Parents and Spectators will display and instill in all players, the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Parents and Spectators will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players, team and community.
- Parents and Spectators will do their best to provide players with a positive experience.
- Parents will ensure their children show respect for all other players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Parents and Spectators will treat all players, coaches, spectators, opposing parents, league officials and umpires with respect and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, or coaches.
- Parents will comply with all rules, policies and procedures, as established by the sports governing body and HYAA.
- Parents will be drug and alcohol free and will refrain from using any tobacco products near players, coaches and spectators at practices, games or any HYAA athletic event.
- Parents will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child. **HEAD INJURIES:** If you observe any symptoms or behaviors consistent with concussion, please remove the individual from play and seek medical attention. ***When a coach or official removes a youth from participating due to a concussion, or behaviors consistent with concussion, the youth may not participant again until evaluated by a medical provider and is given written permission to return to play.***
- Parents and Spectators will respect the decision of an umpire or official. **Zero tolerance.** If you are removed from the game and further contest the call or decision, the league and/or HYAA can review and enforce further suspension.

PLAYERS

Players shall display good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for each other. Players agree as follows:

- Players will be positive role models for each other.
- Players will display and instill in all players, the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Players will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of other players, team and community.
- Players will treat all teammates, coaches, opposing players and parents, spectators, league officials and umpires with respect.
- Players will make every effort to be on time and ready to play. It is your responsibility.
- Players will treat all equipment appropriately. Abuse, mistreatment or mishandling of any HYAA league equipment or property will not be tolerated (e.g., throwing helmets or bats).
- Players will respect the decision of an umpire or official. Zero Tolerance. Let the coach challenge the call.
- Players will not use abusive or profane language.
- Players will not taunt or humiliate any other player. No Bullying.
- Players will be drug, alcohol and tobacco free at practices, games or any HYAA athletic event.
- If you observe any symptoms or behaviors consistent with concussion, please notify the coaching staff or player's parent.

COACHES

Coaches shall support of HYAA's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of the players on their team. Coaches agree as follows:

- Coaches will be positive role models.
- Coaches will display and instill in their players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players, team and community.
- Coaches will do their best to provide players with a positive experience.
- Coaches will ensure that teams exhibit respect and good sportsmanship, whether winning or losing.
- Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators, opposing coaches, league officials and umpires with respect.
- Coaches will respect the decision of an umpire or official.
- Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the safety of the players, coaches, league officials, umpires or officials and spectators.
- Coaches will comply with all rules, policies and procedures, as established by the sport's governing body and HYAA.
- Coaches will be drug and alcohol free and will refrain from using any tobacco products at practices, games or any HYAA athletic event.
- *Coaches or Team Managers will remove any player from participating if they exhibit signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with concussion, or suspect a concussion. When a youth is removed from participating for head injury to seek medical attention, they cannot return to play till evaluated by a medical provider and given written permission to return to play.*

We have read the HYAA code of conduct, and agree to abide by its' provisions.

Parent: _____

Date: _____

Player: _____

Date: _____

Coach: _____

Date: _____

"Athletes First....Winning Second"