



Harbor Premier Coaches Code of Conduct

Harbor Premier Coaches Code of conduct enumerates basic requirements of the Conduct of our Coaching Staff. Coaches failing to abide by these guidelines will be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

Basics

- Coaches must be on-time to all training and game events
- Coaches must attend a minimum of 90% of team training and games. Any games or training that will be missed must have coverage from another Harbor Premier staff coach or director and this coverage must have been previously communicated to TD/DOC/YD
- Coaches must wear coaching gear (Harbor Logo'd shirt, athletic style pants, athletic style shoes) at all Harbor events, games, trainings, camps, clinics
- Coaches must attend all mandatory coaching meetings and clinic/camp events. If unable to attend, coach must communicate with TD/DOC/YD
- Coaches are prohibited from use of any tobacco while in the presence of Harbor players/parents
- Coaches must refrain from any alcohol or drug use of any kind and must not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while in the presence of youth.

Setting a good example

The coach's example is powerful. If a coach insists on fair play, concentrates on players' enjoyment of the game as well as their overall, long-term development, players and parents will notice. If a coach discourages (or allows) players to play outside the rules, are overly concerned about the results, and/or criticize the referee or opposing coach, players and parents will also notice. Above all, our players deserve a coach they can respect.

- Coaches, in all contact with Harbor players, parents, officials and coaches, should strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
- Coaches should avoid any conduct which could be construed as physically or verbally abusive.
- Coaches should completely refrain from verbal dissent during a game with an opposing coach's bench, opposing sideline or referee crew. Disagreements with a referee must be handled with respect and in a way that is an example for our players. If needed, major complaints may be reported to the referee association following the match through a written report.

Keeping players safe

- Coaches should have the safety of the players in their charge as their first priority at all times.
- Coaches should be familiar with the facility and fields on which their teams practice and play
- Coaches should be mindful of the levels of fitness and skill of each one of their players especially in extreme warm or cold weather conditions
- Coaches should also be familiar with the Laws of the Game, current with principles of age-appropriate coaching, aware of applicable existing rules and regulations.
- Coaches should check players' equipment and playing facilities frequently. They should meet safety standards and be appropriate for the age and ability of players. Shin-guards are required any time a player is involved in a contact activity.
- Coaches should follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to play again. During a game, and in an absence of medical advice, coaches should err on the side of caution in permitting an injured player to return to play.
- Coaches must have current Concussion Compliance documentation. Any player who sustains a head injury must be medically cleared before returning to play
- Coaches will always assure a player has a ride following training or game. Coaches will stay with player until parent/guardian arrives for pick-up. Players are not to be allowed to leave the field area unsupervised (ie walk to either parking lot at GHHS) without visual confirmation by the coach that the parent/guardian is present.

Creating a positive experience

- Coaches should require all players and spectators to adhere to the highest level of sportsmanship at all times. During the game, the coach is responsible for the sportsmanship of the players. If a player is carded or is disrespectful, irresponsible or overly aggressive, the coach should remove the player from the game at least long enough for him/her to calm down. Coaches are also responsible for their teams' parents conduct on the opposite sideline. Coaches are to be aware of misbehavior (both verbal and non-verbal) and address it as it occurs.
- Coaches should explain acceptable behavior to players and parents at a preseason meeting. Encourage parents to make positive comments about good play by either team. Prohibit them from yelling at players and the referee.

Coach Name

Coach Signature

Director Signature

Date

