



2023-2024 HAVERHILL TRAVEL BASKETBALL COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

As a volunteer coach for the Haverhill Travel Basketball program, I agree to the below:

I will be a positive role model for my players, leading by example by always demonstrating sportsmanship and empathizing fair play.

I will place the well-being of every player ahead of my personal desire to win. Minimum playing time during the games will be 4 minutes (grades 6/7/8) and 8 minutes (grades 4/5). Playoffs = no minimum playing time

I will organize practices that are both fun and challenging, designed to teach techniques and strategies that emphasize team play.

I will emphasize skills development and improvement based on individual player's needs, helping them gain confidence and self-esteem.

I will strive to be consistent, honest, fair and just in treating my players. I will seek to be both a good communicator and listener. I will be generous in praise and never criticize publicly.

I will become knowledgeable in the rules of the sport, teach them to the players and support all Merrimack Valley League (boys) & River Valley League (girls) policies and regulations.

I will create a healthy environment for sports by refraining from drug, alcohol and tobacco use in view of the players and treat all players with respect, realizing that sport is for youth, not adults.

At appropriate times (e.g. after practice), I will listen to parent concerns and attempt to resolve issues to the best of my ability. If necessary, I will escalate issues to Eric Michitson regarding boy's issues and Donny Bautz for girl's issues members of our HTB Executive Board.

It is expected that the coaches will control their teams, assistant coaches and the parents of the players on their teams at all times; although the coaches should make an effort to win and have their players try hard at all times, coaches are required to act in a sportsmanlike manner.

No official, player, spectator or coach shall in anger push, shove, strike, threaten, verbally abuse, or otherwise endanger the safety of any other official, player, spectator, or coach. If this behavior occurs, then it will lead to disciplinary actions leading up to removal of the role/program.

I will be held accountable for ensuring the safety of all kids during practice and games including having parent; if players are acting irresponsible or causing issues, then parents will need to be informed and the Boys/Girls Directors.

I will not put the program or self at risk by driving kids to games or practices unless given approval by the Board of Directors and consent by the players parents. I will not engage in social media posts with the players and will report any social media inappropriate behavior, language, pictures or any other suspect or inappropriateness.

I will report any incidents including player injuries, parent conflicts or poor behaviors, home/away game issues, technical fouls called against players, parents and coaches. These incidents are to be reported with 24 hours to the board.

I understand the above and will abide by these Codes of Conduct for a coach of the Haverhill Travel Basketball program during the 2023-2024 season. Failure to comply could result in being removed as coach from the program.

Signature

Date

Print Name

Team