

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
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Coach's Code of Conduct

The Hampden Parks and Recreation Commission believes that the behaviors of our coaches set the tone for the team, its' players, parents, and fans. Coaches are expected to act in a professional and sportsmen-like manner. All coaches must understand that they are the role models for their teams, and act accordingly.

- 1.) All coaches must be Concussion certified. Additionally, all coaches must submit to a **CORI** check and meet the requirements of specific leagues.
- 2.) Coaches must respect, and abide by, the decisions of officials, referees, etc.
- 3.) Coaches are expected to treat their players, opposing players, coaches, and fans with the utmost respect.
- 4.) Coaches are expected to focus on the total development of the young athlete, emphasizing the teaching of skill development and teamwork, not just winning at any cost.
- 5.) Coaches are expected to organize and implement, challenging and interesting practice sessions. Take the time to study your sport and use every available resource (Coach's Clinics, Books, Tapes, Etc.) to become a better teacher/coach for your team.
- 6.) All committed members of every team must receive meaningful playing time at every game or whatever is mandated by league rules.
- 7.) Coaches are role models and should act accordingly. The consumption of alcohol prior to, during, and immediately following any game is prohibited as well as the wearing of any clothing that promotes the use of alcohol, drugs, etc.
- 8.) Coaches are expected to maintain a reasonable score when playing a team with a lesser ability.
- 9.) Coaches must remain at the facility until all assigned team members are picked up.
- 10.) Coaches **MUST** return all uniforms and equipment within **two weeks** of their season ending to the Park and Recreation Office.

Never forget that children get into sports because it is fun, not to win trophies or medals. Teach your players good life-lessons and everyone will become a winner.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____ Date: _____