

## HEREFORD ZONE RECREATION AND PARKS COUNCIL

### Coaches Code of Conduct

The Hereford Zone Recreation and Parks Council (HZRPC) offers recreational and sports activities for the benefit of children and all participants involved in our programs. As a community, we believe that our coaches should adhere to the highest ethical standards of fair play and sportsmanship.

HZRPC has developed this “**Coaches Code of Conduct**” to promote positive coaching that encourages players to win while also learning important life lessons and developing positive character traits.

#### **As a Coach or Assistant Coach ...**

- I will promote the philosophy of good sportsmanship and that recreation is fun. I will put the best interests of the entire program ahead of individual desires.
- I will treat all participants with respect and avoid negative criticism, giving positive encouragement and directions to players during games.
- I will teach all kids the skills of the game, the values of teamwork, and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I will see that "all kids play" regardless of skill level.
- I will always play by the rules and respect the game officials and their authority.
- I will communicate with the parents on my team, allow them to give me feedback, solicit their active support, and inform them of all team rules, practices and games.
- I will never use profanity, abusive language, or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach, opponent, or official.
- I will not use tobacco, alcohol, or drugs during any recreation program.
- I will never knowingly permit an injured player to return to the game without proper medical attention.
- I have completed a Positive Coaching Alliance (PCA) workshop within the past five years, or I will sign up for and complete the PCA “Double Goal Coach” certification at the next available workshop in our area. HZRPC is committed to having all our coaches certified as PCA “Double Goal Coaches” who Honor the Game.

**By signing** this form, I hereby swear and affirm that I have not been convicted, nor are charges pending, of any crimes that would make me ineligible to volunteer with children; and, I agree to abide by these guidelines.

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