



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- Through submitting the membership application for my child, I have accepted the Terms and Conditions of membership whether I have actually read them or not, and am therefore subject to the **Hamilton Football Association (HFA)** rules, and to the rules and regulations of the organizations to which the HFA belongs.
- My child plays football for his or her benefit, **not mine**.
- **I will encourage good sportsmanship** by demonstrative positive support for all players, coaches, fans and officials at games, practises and other HFA events.
- I will **refrain from coaching** my child or other players during **games and practices**, unless I am one. I will **not** give instructions to players during practise or a game -- **that is the coach's role**.
- I will never question the referee's **judgment, integrity or honesty**.
- I will support all efforts to **eliminate verbal and physical abuse** from the game of football.
- **24 hour rule:** If I am upset by something I will **wait 24hrs** before discussing the issue with the team coach and will do so in a **private and constructive manner**.
- I will **not approach** the team Coach **prior to or during a session/practise/game**. *If it is a matter of urgency, I will contact the Team Manager first and he/she will communicate this to the Head Coach.*
- I will teach my child that **doing one's best** is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game.
- I will **never** take part in a practice, game or team event while under the **influence of drugs and/or alcohol**.
- I will make my child feel like a winner by offering **praise for** competing fairly and **doing their best**.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts **without** resorting to **hostility or violence**.
- Children learn by example. I will **applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents**.
- I will make sure that my child arrives for practices and games **at the time designated by the coach, ready to begin**.
- I **will not** take part in any form of bullying, whether that be to a parent, player, team coach, referee or club representative. Bullying in any form, whether **in person, electronically (any form of social media) will not be tolerated**.
 - I will avoid gossip, slanderous comments, disruptive comments, threatening comments, and anything that could be construed as abusive, harassing, obscene, libelous, or an invasion of another's privacy (this includes text, audio, photographs and video.)
 - If a negative comment were made, we would ask you not to comment on it either way, or to escalate an issue.
- I will contribute to **my child's share** of the team activities by **volunteering to help the team** as deemed necessary
- I will ask that **my child** treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect **regardless of race, creed, sex or ability**.

- I will show **respect** for all **players, all coaches, all officials and all spectators** at all times.
- I realize that the **team can be penalized** for my behaviour. I will **obey a request by a referee or from the team's Coach** to leave the vicinity of the field.
- I realize that **failure to abide by the Code of Conduct** may result in my removal of myself, and potentially my child, from the vicinity of the playing field and potentially further sanctions by the association.
- I will be in **good financial standing** with the league and understand that membership may be revoked should my account be in arrears with the league or player equipment not returned.