



PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

- Place school commitments and homework as my first priority.. and I will have FUN!
- Practice and play with **enthusiasm** and with a **commitment** to **improve** one's skills, those of teammates, both **individually** and **as part of a team**.
- **Refrain from dangerous behavior**, in practices and games, and take an active part in ensuring that practices and games take place in a **safe environment**.
- Refrain from engaging in horseplay and other conduct that presents **a risk of injury to others or that demeans others**.
- Recognize that playing **a team sport requires a commitment** to the team in such ways as: **being reliable in one's attendance** for practices and games; giving adequate notice of unavoidable absences from practices and games; being on time; **being supportive of teammates**, particularly those less skillful; being **attentive during practices and games**.
- Tell someone; i.e. your coach or referee if you are **injured while playing**.
- **Control your temper** and your emotions while on the field.
- **Refrain from unsportsmanlike play or manner**.
- **Demonstrate good sportsmanship** before, during and after games.
- **Refrain from criticism of opponents, referees or other game officials (during or after games)**.
- **Refrain from using social media** to publicly display negative comments about, players, parents, coaches, managers, referees, clubs, etc.
- 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 understand that **Coaches are there to coach** and not to improve my behavior. If I am found to be behaving badly, my coach is **permitted to remove me** from the event. Furthermore, the **responsibility of my behavior** outside of team-sanctioned events is not that of team staff but is the **responsibility myself**, and of my family or guardian.
- I realize that **players who attend practices** may get priority in the game starting line-up. Starting line-ups are based on several factors including **attendance at practices, player's position, effort, attitude, etc.**
- I will attend practices or HFA scheduled events (i.e., games) on time, with proper equipment and ready to play
- I will turn off all electronic devices (cell phones, video games, etc.), remove jewelry and refrain from chewing gum before arrival at my practice, game or team event and leave them off **until I am finished**.

- I realize that playing time is **not always** going to be equal despite my coaches attempt to equalize.
- I will **leave all venues as neat and tidy** as I found them and will remove all refuse from my area.
- I will help parents and fans understand the league philosophy so they can watch and enjoy the game.
- I will return HFA equipment (helmet, shoulder pads, practice jerseys, etc.) at the end of the season or when the coach requests it in good condition. During the season, I will treat these items as my own and take good care of it.
- I will wear full HFA uniform which includes: Helmet, Shoulder Pads, Mouth Guard, HFA Jersey, HFA Pant, and HFA Socks at all games. If indicated, I will wear designated HFA clothing as identified by my coach or HFA Representative at pregame or at an HFA-event.

If for any reason the Code of Conduct is not followed by the player, any [one or more] of the following steps may be taken by the coach or the Club:

- Reduce the playing time of the player; and/or
- Suspend the player for some time period
- Remove the child from the team and/or HFA.

I agree to abide by these guidelines.

Player signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Name: