

On behalf of the Hampton Athletic Association, we thank you for volunteering your time and energy to become a team manager or coach. During your coaching tenure, please consider the purpose of the Hampton Athletic Association, as stated in its charter more than forty years ago: “the promotion, presentation, and furtherance of athletic contests between children of all ages to further educate them in the true light of sportsmanship and sociability.”

Because of the influence you will have on the children under your supervision, and other children who will be observing your conduct, the following rules and guidelines are expected to be followed, in addition to the above-stated philosophy:

A. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE TEAM

- 1) All aspects of the game should be taught with emphasis on good sportsmanship and include the following:
 - a) Treat all children with the respect and dignity that they deserve.
 - b) Demand respect for all coaches.
 - c) If a player’s actions require attention, take the player aside so as not to embarrass the player, the parents, or other players.
 - d) Do not allow members of your team or fans to heckle umpires, opposing coaches, or opposing players.
 - e) Using profane or abusive language or yelling at children, umpires, or opposing coaches, **will not** be tolerated.
 - f) Hitting or striking umpires, opposing coaches, or players, during any discussions, **will not** be tolerated.
- 2) Absolutely **no** drinking of alcoholic beverages or the use of tobacco products during the games, practices, in the parking lots, or in the vicinity of the fields.
- 3) Familiarize yourself with, and follow, the rules of play.
- 4) Provide players with a schedule of games and practices. Contact all players in the event of rain-outs or schedule changes.

- 5) Encourage parental participation. Choose a “team representative” to assist in communications with team members and parents.
- 6) Maintain order and control of team members in the bench area. Keep it clean and free of debris. It only takes a minute.
- 7) Only players and coaches are permitted in the dugout or bench area and playing field.

B. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE H.A.A.

- 1) Respect the properties and facilities being used by the H.A.A.
- 2) Handle all equipment and uniforms with care so as to prevent damage or loss.
- 3) Schedule all team parents to work the McCully Concession Stand and help rake and maintain all fields before and after each game.
- 4) Any equipment obtained from the field box must be returned to the box the same night and the box must be kept locked.
- 5) Direct any problems, questions, or difficulties relating to rules, supplies, scheduling, etc. to your league commissioner.
- 6) At the end of the season, return all equipment, uniforms, and box keys as directed.
- 7) Complete rating cards for all team members. If rating cards, uniforms, and/or equipment are not returned as required, equipment box key deposits will be forfeited to the H.A.A. and your coaching privileges will be revoked.

C. ZERO TOLERANCE PROGRAM

- 1) The H.A.A. has adopted a zero tolerance program as to the treatment of all umpires:
 - a) Umpires' decisions are final.
 - b) Questioning calls in an **appropriate** manner is acceptable.
 - c) Verbal intimidation, constant stoppage of play, or abusive behavior, **will not** be tolerated.
 - d) The penalty for being ejected from a game, for any reason, or violating any of the rules on these pages is a minimum of a one (1) game suspension from coaching and a review by the Executive Officers. A second ejection in the same season **will** result in the loss of all coaching privileges for the remainder of the season (including tournament team play).
 - e) Players or adult volunteers who engage in unsportsmanlike conduct, such as fighting, abusive language, or similarly derogatory activity, may be suspended for one or more games and a review by the Executive Officers.

Please note that the parents of your team will be asked to complete coach evaluation forms at the end of the season and return them to the board of directors. These forms will be used in the selection process for coaches next season.

Best of luck for a fun and successful season!

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GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF MANAGERS AND COACHES

(YEAR)

(LEAGUE)

(TEAM)

(PRINT NAME)

(MANAGER)

(SIGN NAME)
(ACCEPTED)

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