

# HSC Code of Conduct

## **General**

The Harrison Youth Soccer Club (hereafter referred to as "Club"), is a private youth soccer organization committed to the growth of soccer as a sport and the health and well being of youth engaged in the sport of soccer in Harrison Township.

As a private organization the Club sponsors youth soccer programs for children between the ages of 5 and 15. All youth athletes and their parents, when registered in accordance with Club guidelines, are welcome to participate in club sponsored activities including practices, scrimmages, intra-squad games and traveling teams.

## **Affiliation**

The Club is a private organization not affiliated with Harrison Township or the Township Recreation Committee. As such, it is within the jurisdiction of the Club executive board to set aside standards of behavior and rules of operation consistent with its mission (noted in paragraph 1) and in keeping with a high standard of integrity for all athletes, their parents, and our coaches.

## **Standards of Behavior**

The following standards are to be used by parents, athletes and coaches actively participating in all youth soccer programs within the Club jurisdiction. It is important that all athletes, parents and coaches realize we are one club, with several club teams at various levels. **We are thus all on the same team.**

## **Enforcement**

The Club executive board will not tolerate any behavior which does not insure a safe, educational and constructive sport environment for each and every athlete. Overly aggressive or injurious behavior by an athlete towards another which is totally inconsistent with the rules and spirit of the game will not be tolerated. The behavior of parents or coaches, who advocate or support such behavior, will not be tolerated. Athletes, parents or coaches who violate any of the standards set forth below are subject to immediate dismissal from the Club without any refund of registration fees or any other costs incurred.

a. **Parents**

- I. Shall **abide by all rules** and guidance documents of the Club.
- II. Shall at all times **be a positive influence and a roll model** for the athletes while they are engaged in club-sponsored activities.
- III. Shall take an **active interest** in the performance and well-being of **all athletes** in the Club;
- IV. Shall endeavor to impress upon their children the importance of **fair play**;
- V. Shall encourage their children to be **knowledgeable of soccer rules and regulations**, as well as the custom of sportsmanship inherent in the game;
- VI. Shall **support all coaches and Club officials** during any club-sponsored activity;
- VII. Shall **refrain from negative comments** regarding athletes or coaches, before, during or after club-sponsored activities.
- VIII. Shall **never physically touch or verbally intimidate** an athlete, coach or Club official before, during or after club-sponsored activities; and
- IX. Shall **strongly discourage overly aggressive behavior** (inconsistent with the rules and spirit of the game) **by any athlete towards another athlete during play**; and
- X. Shall instruct the athletes to show compassion for and interest in the well-being for injured Club players regardless of **whether they are on their Club team or another opposing Club team**; and
- XI. Shall **take any problems or concerns** regarding Club sponsored activities **directly to their respective coach**.

**b. Athletes**

- I. Shall abide by all rules and guidance documents of the Club.
- II. Shall remember the importance of fair play.
- III. Shall treat all other athletes, parents and coaches in the Club with respect and dignity.
- IV. Shall take an interest in learning and abiding by the rules of soccer, as well as the customs and spirit of the game-7
- V. Shall be respectful of all coaches, parents and Club officials during any club-sponsored activity;
- VI. Shall never knowingly or willfully physically injure or verbally intimidate another athlete, coach or Club official before, during or after club-sponsored activities.
- VII. Shall never engage in overly aggressive behavior towards another athlete (inconsistent with the rules and spirit of the game) during play.
- VIII. Shall show compassion for and interest in the well-being for injured Club players Regardless of *whether they are on their Club team or another opposing, Club team*; and
- IX. Shall take any on the Field problems or concerns directly to their respective coach.

c. **Coaches**

- I. Shall abide by all rules and guidance documents of the Club;
- II Shall at all times be a **positive influence and roll model** for the athletes and parents while they are engaged in club-sponsored activities;
- III Shall take an active interest in the performance, safety and well-being of **all athletes** in the Club, *not just those assigned to them*, and inspire a similar attitude among his/her players;
- IV Shall stress the importance of **fair play among all athletes**;
- V Shall teach the athletes to be **knowledgeable of soccer rules and regulations**, as well as the custom of sportsmanship inherent in the game,
- VI Shall support **all Club officials** during any club-sponsored activity.
- VII. **Refrain from negative comments** regarding athletes, parents or other coaches, before, during or after club-sponsored activities;
- VIII. Shall never **physically touch or verbally intimidate** an athlete, another coach, Club official or parent before, during or after club-sponsored activities;
- IX. Shall take any on-field problems with the play or behavior of an athlete(s) from **another club team** directly to the coach of the respective athlete(s); and
- X. Shall not tolerate **overly aggressive behavior** (inconsistent with the rules and spirit of the game) by any athlete towards another athlete during play;
- XI. Shall temporarily stop play whenever any such aggressive behavior is exhibited, attempt to correct the aggressive behavior and be empowered to terminate play if required;
- XII. Shall instruct the athletes to show compassion for and interest in the well-being for injured Club players regardless of **whether they are on their Club team or another opposing Club team**; and
- XIII. Shall elevate **unresolved issues in a spirit of cooperation** directly to the Club President for resolution.