

HOLY NAME YOUTH FOOTBALL

Mission Statement & Coaching Philosophy

As a Feeder program to Holy Name High School, HNYFB espouses Christian values and principles. These include the development of the human person-spirit as well as body-the pursuit of excellence in all endeavors, the nurturing of Christian character, and the call to personal integrity and responsibility. By providing a general description of the structures that support these endeavors, this document articulates the central values and expectations that guide HNYFB's participation in the RBFL.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of Holy Name Youth Football is to provide a Catholic oriented youth football and cheerleading experience for children ages 5 through 13 who are in the Holy Name High School grade school and parish feeder program. Participants will have developmental opportunities both spiritually and athletically with the focus on Catholic values, interaction with others, teamwork, sportsmanship, fair play, and skill development.

COACHING PHILOSOPHY

Holy Name Youth Football coaches are committed to instruct and develop our Catholic youth in a positive manor within a safe environment. Coaches will promote the values and philosophy adopted by the board of directors. The success of our program starts and ends with our coaches' ability to teach and show our youth how to win on and off the field of play. To be in line with the core values of this Catholic Youth organization, coaches will instruct and lead by example emphasizing Catholic values foremost followed by academics. Holy Name Youth Football coaches and participants understand that the success of our program is not solely measured by seasonal wins and losses or the caliber of athlete this program produces; it is measured by the life skills learned and individual character development.

Our feeder parishes provide an environment of teaching and learning that fosters the development of its students with those disciplined habits of mind, body, and spirit, which characterize and educate skilled and free human beings. Part of the mission of the HNYFB Coaching Staff is also to nurture in each student a sense of moral responsibility. In turn, a coach's behavior and examples represents a valuable educational tool for guiding players, cheerleaders and fans in their efforts to create a sense of community and for expressing the values that are at the core of a Catholic school system both in the feeder schools and in future years at Holy Name High School.

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The HNYFB Board strives to maintain a staff of coaches who represent the best in athletic instruction, who possess the ability to motivate and inspire, and who take responsibility for the full development of the student-athletes within their charge as students, athletes and persons. Coaches, who after all are primarily teachers, share with members of the board and feeder school faculty the obligation to educate, train and otherwise assist in the formation of students entrusted to them.

Furthermore, the HNYFB Board recognizes the important role each coach plays in the feeder schools overall educational mission and makes this aspect an important part of both the coach's position description and periodic evaluation. Because of the public nature of their work, coaches represent HNYFB in a highly visible manner. Their words and actions should therefore reflect the board's values and principles.

Basic Principles:

1. HNYFB expects the personal and professional lives of its coaches to reflect the highest standards of behavior. Coaches' actions must demonstrate that athletic success may not jeopardize institutional or personal integrity or the welfare of student-athletes.
2. HNYFB expects its coaches to appreciate the primacy of academic life at the feeder schools and to emphasize that primacy during the promotion of and education of student-athletes and their participation in the RBFL.
3. HNYFB board requires its coaches to adhere to the policies and procedures of the Allentown Diocese, feeder school and the RBFL. To that end, HNYFB and the Diocese of Allentown provide a comprehensive orientation to new coaches and suitable continuing education to other coaches. The HNYFB Board treats seriously all violations of board, feeder school, and diocese or PIAA standards and reports such violations according to the applicable discipline.
4. HNYFB board, coaching staff and administrators clearly value an elementary and high school catholic-based education. All involved feel openly obligated and responsible to fairly guide its players toward continuing their educational and athletic pursuits at HNHS.