

# Hudson Hawks Youth Football Association, Inc. Parental Code of Conduct

*Hudson Hawks Youth Football Association, Inc. has implemented the following Parental Code of Conduct.*

I recognize and accept my responsibility as a representative of the Hudson Hawks Youth Football Association and my child's football team and pledge to follow this Parental Code of Conduct:

**Please initial each line.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for players, not adults. I will do my best to make football fun for my child.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or other event.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, using profane language or gestures, or using physical violence.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will not attempt coach my child or any other player from the stands. I will limit my comments to positive reinforcement and encouragement to my child and his/her teammates.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will treat players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect. I will respect their authority during games and will use 24 hours after each game as a "cooling off" period before questioning, discussing, or confronting coaches, umpires or other officials. I will never engage in any of these confronting behaviors in front of a player.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will take any and all conflicts through the proper channels. If a resolution cannot be reached or I do not feel comfortable handling the matter, I will take it to the Board of the Association.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will always remember that the coaches and Board Officials are volunteers. They are always trying to make decisions that are in the best interest of the league and its players.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. I will teach my child to treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will emphasize skill development for my child, and will recognize the importance of this benefit over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire that I may have for my child to win.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will respect the officials and their authority during games and practices. I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will help keep the field clean by disposing of my trash in the proper receptacles after each game and practice.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all practices and games.

Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*By initialing and signing the above pledges, I acknowledge that I am responsible for the behavior for myself, my spouse, my family and my guests. Violations of any of the above pledges will be taken under the advisement by the Board, whose decision on penalty will be final.\*\*

Thank you for your participation in and commitment to Hudson Hawks Youth Football Association. We are looking forward to another wonderful and successful season of football.