

HSRC Sports
Parent Code of Conduct

It is essential that the sports program and the athlete received support from the athlete's parents. Parents also represent Christ and HSRC to those with whom we come in contact. Parents need to know that the HSRC officials and coaches are making their best effort to make being part of the sports program a positive experience. Parents must accept that coaches, players and officials will make mistakes or see things differently that they do. Parents will be expected to:

- Be encouraging and supportive of their player.
- Not make something into an issue if it isn't an issue. Many things that may aggravate you do not even faze a player.
- Encourage their player to seek answers from his/her coach if they have a question. Coaches respect players who come to them for answers instead of discussing the matter with others.
- Help out where you can with the program. If all a parent can do is get their child to practice and games on time and pick them up afterwards, they should do those. If the parent can help out with some of the other duties required in running the program, they should do so.
- Understand that positions and talent do not always match up. Coaches attempt to do what is best for the team. Parents' positive attitudes regarding playing time can go a long way toward helping their player adjust.
- Schedule meetings with coaches and their player if they have real concerns and their player has unsuccessfully tried to work things out with the coach on his/her own.
- Never approach a coach with a complaint immediately after a game. They should wait and schedule a visit. Objectivity and self-control is difficult to maintain in the heat of the moment.
- Think long and hard first before criticizing anyone connected with their player's team.
- Make an effort to understand the rules of the game and the coach's philosophy for his/her team.
- Always keep in mind that playing time is never guaranteed.
- Attend the one or two mandatory parent meeting that will be scheduled per season.

I acknowledge that I have read the above Parent Code of Conduct, understand the expectations of parents in the HSRC Sports program and agree to abide by them.

Name _____

Signature _____

Date _____